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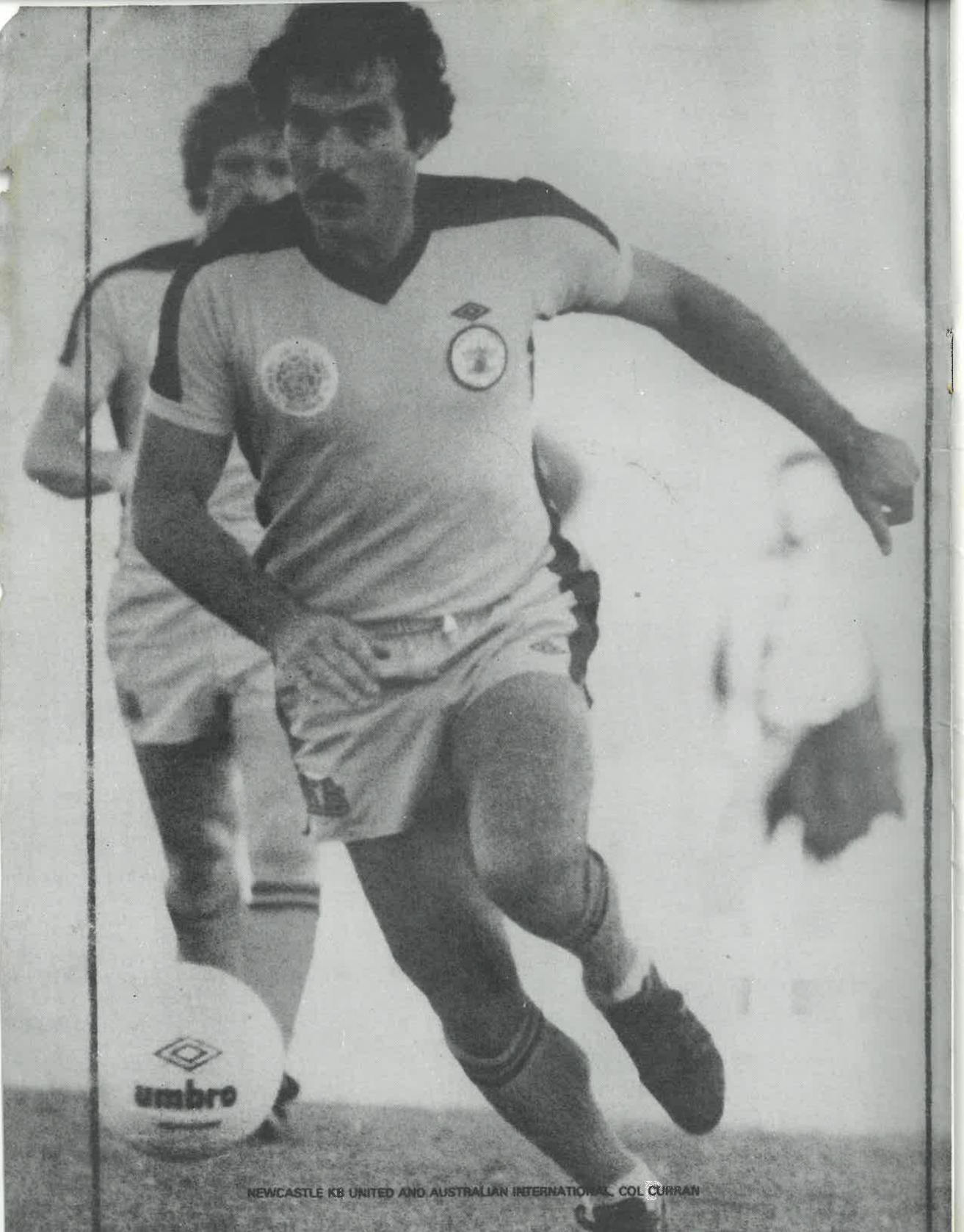

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Ground: Mayfield Park, Mayfield.
Colours: Red shirt, red shorts and red socks.

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Ground: Whitebridge Oval, Whitebridge.
Colours: Sky blue shirt with black and white band down left side, sky blue shorts with black and white band down left side and sky blue socks with black and white band on tops.

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Secretary: Mrs. Jill Smith, 2 Veronica Crescent, WYOMING 2250 (H) (043) 24 7218 (W) 24 5792
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Colours: White shirt with blue and gold trim, blue shorts with gold logo and blue socks with gold stripes on band.

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Secretary: Mr. Steve Derec, 28 Mount Pleasant Street, MAITLAND 2320 33 4862
Ground: Cooks Square Park, East Maitland.
Colours: White shirt with vertical black stripes, black shorts with white stripes down legs and black socks with white bands.

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Secretary: Mr. A. Small, 6 Brolga Way, Oxley Vale, TAMWORTH 2340 (H) (067) 66 4144 (W) 66 3633
Ground: Tamworth Showground.
Colours: Blue shirt, white shorts with blue strip and blue socks with white trim.

WESTON WORKERS BEARS S.C.
Secretary: Mr. David Cresswell, 10 James Street, KURRI KURRI 2327 37 4113
Ground: Weston Workers Soccer Ground.
Colours: Shirt, black and white vertical stripes on front, white back, black shorts with white Umbro piping and black socks with two white hoops on turnover.

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Secretary: Mr. Ken Martin, P.O. Box 14, WEST WALLSEND 2286 53 1635
Ground: Johnson Park.
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Ground: Cahill Oval, Belmont.
Colours: Royal blue shirt with blue and gold diamond stripe down sleeves, royal blue shorts with blue and gold diamond stripe and royal blue socks with two gold bands.

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Colours: Yellow shirt with green stripe, green shorts with yellow stripe and yellow socks.

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Secretary: Mr. Glenn Porter, 8 Hallvert Crescent, CHARLESTOWN 2290 43 1130
Ground: Whitebridge Oval, Whitebridge.
Colours: White shirt with black trim, black shorts with white trim and white socks with black hoops.

EDGEWORTH S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Paul Gow, 29 Raggatt Crescent, EDGEWORTH 2285 58 4858
Ground: Park Street, Edgeworth.
Colours: White shirt with red piping on sleeves, black shorts with red and white piping and white socks with black and red band.

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Ground: Birralee Park, Heddon Street, KURRI KURRI.
Colours: Red shirt with white stripe on sleeves, blue shorts with red stripe and blue socks with red top.

MAYFIELD UNITED S.C.
Secretary: Mr. P. Bates, 42 Avon Street, MAYFIELD 2304 57 1691
Ground: Mayfield Park, Mayfield.
Colours: Green shirt with white trim, green shorts and green socks.

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Ground: Industrial Highway, Mayfield.
Colours: Yellow and blue shirt, blue shorts and yellow socks.

WALLSEND S.C.
Secretary: Mrs. Nina Thomas, 54 William Street, JESMOND 2299 51 1891
Ground: Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend.
Colours: Red shirt with white trim, red shorts with white stripes and red socks with white bands.

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Secretary: Mr. H. Ward, 65 Skye Point Road, COAL POINT 2283 59 1814
Ground: Dorrington Street, Rathmines.
Colours: Green shirt with purple trim, green shorts and purple socks.

THIRD DIVISION CLUBS

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Secretary: Mrs. Florence Simmons, P.O. Box 64, Beresfield 2322 66 2993
Ground: Pasadena Crescent Reserve, Beresfield.
Colours: White shirt with 2 purple stripes, white sleeves with purple stripes and purple bands, white shorts with purple stripe down left side and white socks with two purple stripes on turnover.

CENTRAL COAST UNITED S.C.
Secretary: Mr. G.J. West, 9 Pemell Street, WYOMING 2250 (043) 25 2749
Ground: Graham Park, Woy Woy.
Colours: White shirt with sky blue and maroon vertical stripes, white sleeves, blue and maroon shorts with vertical white stripes down sides and blue and maroon socks with white hoops.

COOKS HILL UNITED S.C.
Secretary: Mr. P. Brown, 20 Knight Street, NEW LAMBTON 2305 52 2930
Ground: Adamstown Oval.
Colours: White shirt with red and blue vertical stripes, white sleeves, red shorts and blue socks.

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Secretary: Mr. Les Hill, 1 Carolyn Street, ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS 2289 — 57 4822
Ground: Nesbitt Park, Kotara South.
Colours: Tangerine shirt with black trim, black shorts and tangerine socks with black trim.

LAMBTON JAFFAS S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Bob Cain, 44 Fay Avenue, NEW LAMBTON 2305 — 57 4750
Ground: Arthur Edden Oval.
Colours: Brown shirt with a yellow panel down the front and back, brown shorts with yellow side stripes and white socks with a brown and yellow band on the turnover.

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Secretary: Mr. Jim Pappas, 12 Morgan Street, ADAMSTOWN 2289 — 57 5333
Ground: Newcastle Technical College Ground, Maitland Road, Tighes Hill.
Colours: Royal blue shirt with vertical white stripes, royal blue shorts and royal blue socks.

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Secretary: Mr. R.W. King, 2/22 Anzac Parade, NEWCASTLE 2300 — (H) 2 1032 (W) 2 4071
Ground: Arthur Edden Oval.
Colours: Blue shirt with white stripes on sleeves, white shorts and blue socks with white stripes.

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Secretary: Mr. Ken Hope, 9 Robert Street, MAYFIELD 2304 — 67 5151
Ground: Tomago Oval, Tomago.
Colours: Emerald green shirt with gold stripes down each side, green shorts and green socks with two gold stripes on band.

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Secretary: Mr. Gary Webster, 16 Halewood Close, BLACKALLS PARK 2286 — 59 5512
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Colours: Gold shirt, blue shorts and blue socks.

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Secretary: Mr. Richard Dear, 7 Short Street, SPEERS POINT 2284 — 58 3423
Ground: University of Newcastle, Shortland.

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Secretary: Mrs. F. Gradwell, 77 Coral Crescent, GATESHEAD WEST 2290 — 43 0043
Ground: Pacific Highway, Gateshead.
Colours: Red shirt with black stripes, black shorts and red socks with black stripes on bands.

CHARLESTOWN UNITED S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Keith Magill, 6 Francine Avenue, ELERMORE VALE 2287 — 51 4023
Ground: Pacific Highway, Charlestown.
Colours: Maroon shirt with sky blue sleeves, sky blue shorts and maroon socks with sky blue bands.

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Secretary: Mr. A.G. McLean, 6 Dolphin Street, TASCOTT 2250 — (043) 24 6047
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Secretary: Mr. Gary Foster, 77 Dalwood Road, BRANXTON 2335 — 38 1303
Ground: Miller Park, Branxton.
Colours: Brown shirt with gold trim, brown shorts with gold trim and gold socks with brown bands.

KAHIBAH SENIOR S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Mark Woollams, 23 Kaleen Street, CHARLESTOWN 2290 — 43 0564
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Secretary: Mr. A. Forster, 2 Rosann Close, NEW LAMBTON 2305 — 57 0359
Ground: Darling Street Oval.
Colours: Maroon shirt with white trim, maroon shorts and maroon socks with white trim.

MUSWELLBROOK S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Kerry Small, 121 Hill Street, MUSWELLBROOK 2333 — (065) 43 2782
Ground: Victoria Park, Muswellbrook.
Colours: Tangerine shirt with black trim, orange shorts and orange socks with black tops.

RUTHERFORD SENIOR S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Roy Thomsen, P.O. Box 313, MAITLAND 2320 — 32 7337
Ground: Alexandra Avenue, RUTHERFORD.
Colours: White shirt with green trim, emerald green shorts and white socks with two green bands.

SOUTH CARDIFF S.C.
Secretary: Mr. D. Buckley, 4 Sixth Street, SOUTH CARDIFF 2285 — 54 7916
Ground: Ulinga Park, Cross Street, South Cardiff.
Colours: White shirt with red stripe on sleeve and red band, red shorts with white trimming and red socks with white bands.

STOCKTON S.C.
Secretary: Mr. H. Lee, 8 Newcastle Street, STOCKTON 2295 — 28 1422
Ground: Corroba Oval, Stockton.
Colours: Yellow shirt with black stripes on sleeves, black shorts and yellow socks with black hoops.

SWANSEA WORKERS S.C.
Secretary: Mr. R. Owens, 34 Lachlan Road, CARDIFF 2285 — (H) 54 5753 (W) 54 8011
Ground: Channel Street, Swansea.
Colours: White shirt with sky blue trim on neck, sky blue shorts and sky blue socks.

FIFTH DIVISION CLUBS

BARNSLEY UNITED S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Noel Skyrm, 14 Thomas Street, BARNSLEY 2286 — 53 2085
Ground: Main Road, Barnsley.
Colours: Green and white shirt, black shorts and white socks with two green bands.

CARDIFF RAILWAY S.C.
Secretary: Mr. J. Priestley, 27 Queen Street, HOLMESVILLE 2286 — 53 2003
Ground: Cardiff Railway Workshops.
Colours: Sky blue shirt with white bands on sleeves, sky blue shorts and sky blue socks with white bands on top.

CARDIFF WORKERS S.C.
Secretary: Mr. John Parish, 3 Arnold Street, CHARLESTOWN 2290 — 43 1830
Ground: Munibung Road, Cardiff.
Colours: Maroon shirt with gold neck and cuffs, white shorts and white socks.

ELERMORE ATHLETIC S.C.
Secretary: Mrs. Frances Pinilla, 36 Brook Street, WALLSEND 2287 — (H) 51 4736 (W) 51 5122
Ground: Upper Reserve, Wallsend.
Colours: Red shirt with blue sleeves, blue shorts and red socks.

KEARSLEY UNITED S.C.
Secretary: Mr. W. Fairfull, 16 Booth Street, KURRI KURRI 2327 — (W) 37 1235 (H) 37 4593
Ground: Main Road, Kearsley.
Colours: Royal blue shirt with red trim, royal blue shorts and white socks with red and blue bands at top.

LAMBTON RANGERS S.C.
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NEWCASTLE EAST S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Malcolm Ives, 6/25 Hall Street, MEREWETHER 2291 — (H) 63 4937 (W) 2 4091
Ground: Myer Park, Adamstown.
Colours: Red and white striped shirt, red shorts and blue socks.

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Ground: Maitland Road, Tighes Hill.
Colours: Wolves gold shirt with black trim, black shorts and wolves gold socks with black bands on top.

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Secretary: Mr. G. Sheppard, 1 Bass Close, SINGLETON HEIGHTS 2330 — Mr. G. Finn (065) 72 1435
Ground: Alroy Park, Blaxland Avenue, Singleton Heights.
Colours: Sky blue shirt with gold trim, sky blue shorts and sky blue socks with two gold bands around the top.

SOUTH WALLSEND S.C.
Secretary: Mr. Peter Frazer, 42A Macquarie Road, FENNELL BAY 2283 — 59 4062
Ground: Croudace Road, South Wallsend.
Colours: White shirt with a red and orange sash, red shorts and orange socks with red trim.

THORNTON PARK SENIOR S.C.
Secretary: Mr. K. Williams, 71 Lawson Avenue, WOODBERRY 2322 — 66 3142
Ground: Pasadena Crescent Reserve, Beresfield.
Colours: Red shirt with white trim, white shorts and white socks with two red bands.

TOMAGO EAGLES S.C.
Secretary: Mr. D. Roberts, 9 Kitchener Parade, MAYFIELD 2304 — Mr. B. Bohatko 52 3260
Ground: Tomago Oval.
Colours: Red shirt with white stripe on sleeve, red shorts and red socks with two white bands at the top.

WARNERS BAY S.C.
Secretary: Mr. S. Winiarczyk, 21 James Street, WARNERS BAY 2282 — 48 8154
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Back Row: Jimmy McKay, Ernie Campbell, Peter Wilson, Arno Bertogna, John Sneddon, Jim Preston, Trevor Smythe, Craig Mason, Ray Baartz.
Second Row: Malcolm McClelland, Steve Perry, Peter Stone, Manfred Schaefer, Ron Corrie, Phil Dando, Frank Campbell, Rale Rasic, Alan Vest, Howard Tredinnick, Paul Reaney, Bill Jones.
Front Row: Heinz Ringhof, Peter Tredinnick, John Warren, Raul Blanco, Graham Heys, Doug Utjesenovic, David Kamasz, Roy Drinkwater, Col Curran, Joe Senkalski, David Jones, Dino Milosevic, Paul Burrows.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There can be no escaping the fact that Australian Soccer at most levels suffered during 1981. States found themselves with a multitude of problems both on and off the field; the Philips Soccer League continued its running battle with the Australian Soccer Federation, and the national team was eliminated from the World Cup.

On the credit side, Australia successfully staged the F.I.F.A. World Youth Championships for the Coca Cola Cup and the national youth side performed magnificently in reaching the quarter finals, only to be narrowly beaten by the eventual winners, West Germany. However, 1981 is now over and we are faced with a brand new season in 1982. Despite the problems we experienced during last year, I am optimistic that 1982 will be one of the most progressive seen in this State for some years. I say this because of the changes in structure which have occurred within the Federation in recent months.

The problems of previous years have been identified and we have proposed and adopted a number of changes which we believe are necessary to ensure that Northern Soccer again makes strides forward.

This coming season sees a restructuring of the State League which now contains the best teams in Newcastle as well as the country centres. Previously the cost structure of this competition prohibited a number of teams from participating. However, the necessary changes brought about following the 1981 season have now put this competition within the reach of all leading clubs. In addition to attracting the best club sides, the State League now attracts the best players. Again, in previous years some quality players were happy to play lower divisional soccer in return for attractive wages. Now, these players are seeking positions in the top division, a situation which will have a beneficial effect on the playing standard.

It is essential that we fully promote this competition as our showpiece, and it is further essential that all clubs support us in this endeavour, for it must be realised that without a healthy top division, then soccer cannot be properly promoted or developed. The other major restructural change in 1982 relates to our decision to reduce the mandatory number of teams per club with the optional Under 19 'Rosebud Cup'. We have no doubt that this decision will assist in our aims to improve the standard of play within each club by ensuring that the reserve grade competition is contested by teams containing a mixture of first team fringe players and youth.

We are thankful to the Adamstown Rosebud Licensed Club for its sponsorship of the youth competition. The club obviously sees the changes of being beneficial to soccer, and its gesture indicates the support it has for the Federation.

Apart from these changes to competitions, a number of decisions have been made which influence other areas of administration and promotion.

Recently, we appointed a State Director of Coaching on a part-time basis. In conjunction with the Board and Mr. Eric Worthington, the Rothman's National Director of Coaching, a master plan will be implemented to enable soccer at all levels and in all areas of Northern New South Wales to develop on a properly conducted and uniform basis. With assistance from the State Government, which now accepts the situation of there being two soccer States in N.S.W., it is envisaged that within twelve months the State Director of Coaching position will revert to a full time basis. Last year we introduced a scheme to enable the purchase of soccer equipment on a bulk basis, thereby reducing the cost to clubs. With your support we intend to extend this scheme to other items of equipment; a decision which, if fully supported, will ensure major savings for clubs, particularly in 1983.

Two years ago, Directors obtained a special lease on a large parcel of land at Hillsborough with a view to establishing a Federation ground. Since then very little work has been done on developing this area. It is essential that during 1982 we push ahead with our plans to develop the ground, and very shortly a sub-committee will commence work on this task.

There is much work to be done during 1982 to regenerate interest in the code. Directors have identified the problems which have in the past held back the progress of soccer, and have adopted alternatives which can ensure the future success of our sport. It is essential that if these alternatives are to prove correct, all clubs are going to have to display a level of support and co-operation not seen in the North for many years.

1982 and ensuing years can be successful and I am sure that if we are all prepared to strive for this success, my optimism will be shared by all.

Perhaps Sir Arthur George's words at the last Australian Soccer Federation annual meeting sum up perfectly the manner in which we can achieve this.

"....I feel the future of the game given co-operation and cessation of internal disruption is as bright as ever, but it will require that type of co-operation and togetherness which was displayed prior to and during the World Youth Championship. We can make a success and a future for soccer in this country only by pulling together and acting in unity to achieve our objectives."

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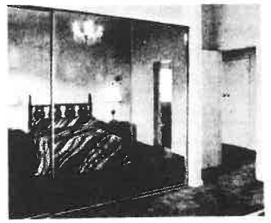

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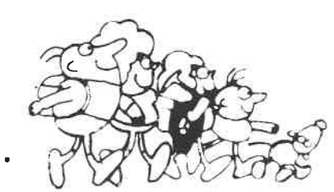

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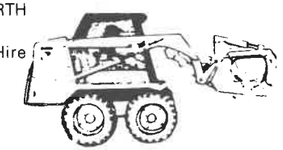

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1918 Weston
1919 West Wallsend Bluebells
1920 West Wallsend Bluebells
1921 West Wallsend Bluebells
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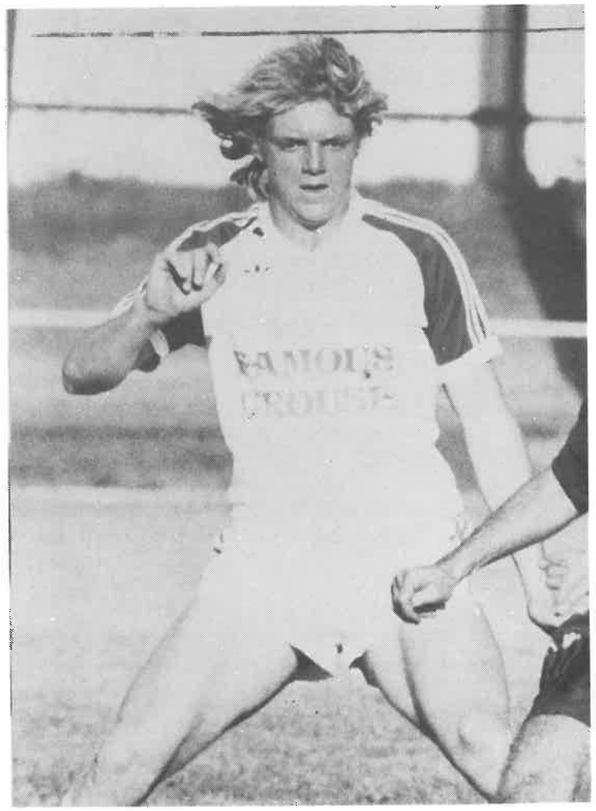

Adamstown Rosebud's mid-fielder, John Macquarie

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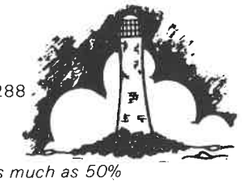

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1948	Adamstown	Leichhardt Annandale
1949	Leichhardt Annandale	Wallsend
1950	Leichhardt Annandale	Granville
1951	Wallsend	Granville
1952	Granville	Wallsend
1953	Wallsend	Auburn
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1956	Cessnock
1957	Wallsend
1958	Cessnock
1959	Wallsend
1960	Cessnock
1961	Wallsend & Awaba joint winners
1962	Adamstown
1963	Wallsend and West Wallsend joint winners
1964	Lake Macquarie
1965	Wallsend
1966	Adamstown
1967	Newcastle Australs
1968	Adamstown
1969	Hamilton Azzuri
1970	Adamstown
1971	Weston
1972	Weston
1973	Weston
1974	New Lambton
1975	Adamstown
1976	Adamstown
1977	Weston
1978	Edgeworth (undefeated)
1979	Edgeworth
1980	Maitland
1981	Highfields Azzurri

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1956	Cessnock	1969	Newcastle Austral
1957	Wallsend	1970	Belmont Swansea
1958	Cessnock	1971	Weston
1959	Wallsend	1972	Weston
1960	Cessnock	1973	Weston
1961	Adamstown	1974	Weston
1962	Lake Macquarie	1975	Adamstown
1963	Awaba	1976	Adamstown
1964	Lake Macquarie	1977	Weston
1965	Awaba	1978	Edgeworth
1966	Adamstown	1979	Highfields Azzurri
1967	Lake Macquarie	1980	Maitland
1968	Adamstown	1981	Highfields Azzurri

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1961	Merewether	1972	Mayfield
1962	Maitland	1973	Edgeworth
1963	Mayfield	1974	Charlestown United
1964	Weston	1975	Maitland
1965	Hamilton Azzurri	1976	Central Coast
1966	Belmont Swansea	1977	Cessnock City
1967	New Lambton South	1978	Belmont Swansea (undef.)
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On Wednesday, 14th October, 1981, a milestone for the Central Coast and soccer was created. The formation of a sub-committee under the auspices of the Central Coast Soccer Association to develop and manage a senior side to participate in the N.N.S.W. State League.

The evolution of this club has created great interest in the code on the Central Coast and will provide unprecedented opportunities for young players to progress to a much higher standard of the game, than is presently available.

The Central Coast area (35k of coastline) over the last five years, has mushroomed into one of the biggest developing regions in Australia. It has transformed from a retiring old village into a striving metropolitan area. The area has a lot to recommend it - the beaches and waterways, the natural setting, the sun, tourist attraction, the holiday atmosphere and the closeness to Sydney and Newcastle.

With this growth, Soccer has moved too. Formed in 1947, the area now boasts 17 clubs, 286 teams and 3630 players. It is only natural that all these participants have one premier side that represents the whole area on a state-wide competition.

The results speak for themselves over the past years. Triumphs in the N.N.S.W. State Amateur Cup by local sides and wins in the State Titles by our representative side and good performances against touring sides, Sydney City and Newcastle KB United - all indicated that the Central Coast can hold their own in State-wide competition.

With the support of our brother local clubs, with good relations with the Central Coast Leagues Club, local Radio Station 2GO and local newspapers, local Council and the efforts by the elected Sub-Committee, the formation of the Central Coast N.N.S.W. State League Club will be a great advertisement for the Central Coast and soccer in general.

The Sub-Committee formed at the special meeting of the Central Coast Association to be responsible for the management to the senior club is:—

Kevin Best (24 7806) Chairman.
Jill Smith (24 7218) Secretary.

and Roy Barnes, Bob Nicholson, Austin Butler, Eric Marchall and Dan Fitzsimmons.

The objects of the committee are:—

- To avail the opportunity of soccer players on the Central Coast of a higher standard of soccer.
- To introduce a major spectator attraction on the Central Coast.
- To enhance the credibility of soccer in general.
- To promote the game and encourage family involvement.
- To provide financial supporters a means of identifying themselves with the Club.
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The coach appointed to guide this team in its inaugural year is George Cousins. He is a relatively new comer to the Central Coast but has had outstanding success in coaching and in his playing career in Sydney. He is a very likeable man and will be a great ambassador for soccer and the Central Coast.

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CENTRAL COAST SOCCER CLUB STATE LEAGUE NEW SOCCER COACH, Kevin Best (Chairman) *left* **congratulates George Cousins** *right* **on his appointment for the 1982 coaching position** (Dec. 1981)

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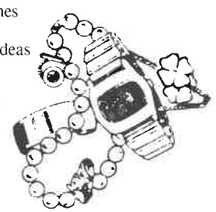

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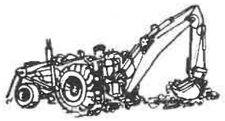

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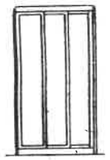

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STATE LEAGUE

As the first match in the 1981 State League got under way at Crystal Palace on Saturday, April 4th, 1981, between Wallsend and Edgeworth, there was no hint of the trouble ahead for these two Clubs - two of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation's leading Clubs. Nor, indeed, was there any possible foretaste of the crash of State League, which was to occur at the end of one of Northern Soccer's most troubled seasons.

As in its inaugural year of 1980, the 1981 State League was to continue as a lonely battle of Club finances and proceed without the backing of a major sponsor. A meeting held at Sawtell near Coffs Harbour in January had determined the basis for State League and its competition format for the 1981 season. Each Club would pay $8,500 and travel throughout the State would be by aircraft.

The competition was to involve 10 teams, with 6 of them coming from the Hunter Valley area and four others:- Armidale, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour and Clarence Valley, from the Northern country areas. The six Newcastle Clubs:- Wallsend, Edgeworth, Weston, Adamstown, Belmont-Swansea and Stewarts & Lloyds would play an Alliance League Competition in Reserve Grade and an Under 19 Competition with the possible involvement of Tamworth and Lismore, the latter of which wanted to feel out the standard preparatory to entry of a Senior team in the 1982 Season.

By mid-February, with 7 weeks still to go to kick-off, the State League had its first emergency when Clarence Valley (Grafton) notified the Federation that they would be unable to field a side in the 1981 competition. Quick negotiation saw a newcomer admitted to the League, Twin Towns, representing the Coolangatta-Tweed Heads area, on the Queensland border. Unfortunately for the Federation, the plans of State League were firmly set from the Sawtell meeting and, had Twin Towns involvement been known at that date, it would have proved impossible to conduct a State League of such far-flung magnitude for $8,500 affiliation and travelling fee. The involvement of a Club from the Queensland border, much further north than it had been envisaged flying, was to add tremendously to travelling costs.

The problems, however, were far from footballing minds as Steve Bland and "Polly" Griffiths hammered home goals at Crystal Palace on that April Saturday, to set Edgeworth in pursuit of the State League Title which had narrowly eluded them, on goal difference of two goals, in their 1980 quest. Edgeworth had made no secret of the fact, during the close season, that those two vital goals which had cost them the $10,000 first prize, had left them in financial embarrassment. Indeed, the Club had already had a meeting with Federation officials, Stefan Kamasz and Brian Brown, with regard to their financial situation and all the State League Clubs had been appraised of the situation at Edgeworth.

New Club, Twin Towns, got off to a fine start in their new competition, crushing the luckless Armidale 6-0 at Tweed Heads. Tamworth hammered a struggling Adamstown 3-0 at Tamworth and Coffs Harbour showed that they had learned more than just a little from their 1980 involvement, giving the strong Stewarts & Lloyds outfit a hard battle in Newcastle before succumbing 2-4. Belmont-Swansea started the 1981 season where they left off in 1980 and haplessly presented Premiers Weston with a 3-0 half-time lead at Blacksmiths. The Swans gave promise of things to come perhaps, with a superb second half performance which saw them pull back to 2-3 and give Weston a torrid time.

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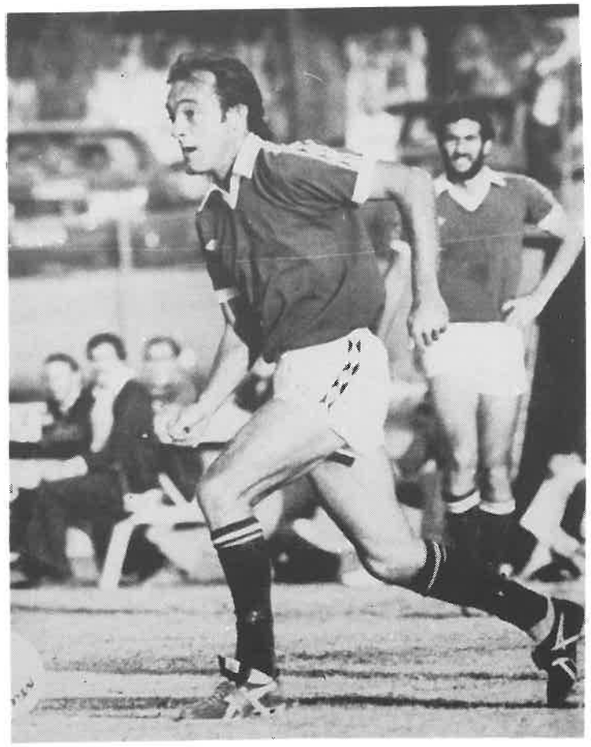

Tamworth City Coach, Jack Routledge, who lifted his team to third position in State League.

The Swans' illusions were promptly dispelled the following Saturday, at Adamstown Oval, with a 6-2 hiding at the hands of Rosebuds.

On the Sunday, Twin Towns were ripped apart at McLaughlin Park, to the tune of 5-0 by Edgeworth and Tamworth's good start to the season was dispelled in a 2-4 loss at Coffs Harbour Showground. Stewarts & Lloyds made the journey to Armidale to dish out a 5-1 hiding to the locals with overseas imports, Stuart Gray and Frank McKay, getting four of the five goals, while a lone goal winner from Jack T. Turnbull at Weston Park gave the home side a struggling victory over the youthful Wallsend team. Coupled with the previous week's display at Blacksmiths, it added up to a successful but stuttering start to the season by Weston - a somewhat unconvincing beginning to defence of their title.

Reluctantly, it was agreed that the League was about to be dominated by the big three, Weston, Edgeworth and Stewarts & Lloyds. The third week of the season was Easter and the illusions were about to be wiped out. Geoff Allwell and John Morpus became instant heroes at Stewarts & Lloyds on Sunday, when their goals gave the country side successive victories in two seasons on the ground, with a 2-1 win. A crowd of 300 saw the day's biggest shock at Twin Towns, where the home side grabbed two points with goals from Les Walker and Graham Henwood, from a Weston side which never got to grips with a hard fought match. John J. Turnbull's lone goal for the visitors just wasn't enough and the 2-1 scoreline served to emphasize the doubts of Weston's early season form.

It was left to Edgeworth to visit Armidale to go to the top of the League with a one hundred percent record and without a goal conceded thus far.

The perfect record in points was to be lost in Edgeworth's next match at Stewarts & Lloyds in a grim, dour 0-0 draw and the unbeaten tag was to be removed in the following match on May 9th, with a shattering 0-2 home loss to Weston, with Dominic Moroney and Jeff Morton getting the goals, in a match which never hit the heights.

Such is life, but both Clubs were to perform magnificently in a double-header Philips Cup Match (1st Round) at Macquarie Field in mid-week. Edgeworth had the unenviable task of facing the Tommy Docherty managed Sydney Olympic in the late game, while Weston had the easier task of Hobart side, Wrest Point Rapid. Weston snared an extra-time winner, after looking victors from the kick-off, to win 1-0 in a match that saw Rapid with backs to the wall, for most of the game, the situation being reversed in the later match with Olympic putting tremendous pressure on Edgeworth at times. It was a brave and gutsy performance from the local side which gave as good as it got for most of the 90 minutes and took all the plaudits for their efforts despite a 2-1 defeat.

Weston Bears had to travel to Sydney to face a redoubtable foe in the second round - none other than 1980 Philips League Premier, Sydney City. Weston were more than voluble about the short notice given them, that the tie was to be played in Sydney, and at one stage threatened to withdraw from the competition. Eventually, they made the journey and vented their fury against Australia's Premier team, with a truly magnificent display, and had the disappointment only minutes away from the end of extra time and a home ground replay to concede a goal that put them out of the Competition.

The showing of Weston in this Competition was to certainly increase confidence within the Club and they provided a two horse race at the top of State League with a 2-1 victory over Stewarts & Lloyds at Weston Park on Sunday, 17th May, and the neck and neck situation was maintained until a fortnight later when Edgeworth's match at Tamworth was washed out after making a fruitless journey. One was to wonder later at the significance of this match, had it been played, at that time. Tamworth and Twin Towns were fighting in the upper half of the League with Stewarts & Lloyds for the minor prizemoney, Coffs Harbour and Adamstown always looked possibilities while Wallsend, Belmont-Swansea and Armidale looked to be the strugglers. Edgeworth were not to make the journey to Tamworth to replay the postponed match.

The storm clouds were gathering for the Edgeworth Club which had not paid any of its affiliation or travelling money for the 1981 Season. It completed its first round programme on Saturday, 6th June, with a crushing 5-1 victory over Belmont-Swansea at Blacksmiths and Club Secretary, Paul Gow, faced the Federation Board for the second time the following Tuesday at the Adamstown offices. Tuesday evening's terse statement from President Stefan Kamasz to the media told that Edgeworth had been expelled from the Competition due to its financial position.

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position. Ali refused the position except one - Lake Macquarie. The terms of its entry to the Competition gave huge sighs of relief to the Board of the Federation. Every Club in the Competition had cause to be grateful for, without Lake Macquarie's agreement to pay the full $8,500 affiliation fee, halfway through the season, then the League would have had to be abandoned. Fortunately, the Macquarie Club had been assured of sponsorship, if they could gain entry into State League, from the Hawkins Company, which had been such generous sponsors to them in the past. Lake Macquarie, therefore, exchanged second top placing in the Federation's First Division for second top placing in State League - a situation which met with little opposition from the other State League Clubs, which had acknowledged Edgeworth's financial position early in the season and realised the Federation's difficulty in providing a replacement.

The Federation also had a second problem vital to the wellbeing of State League, which was very much in line with Edgeworth's demise. Wallsend, the 1980 season Grand Finalist, was also in financial trouble, with its licensed premises trading poorly. Wallsend, like Edgeworth, had defaulted on its monetary instalments to State League and, at the end of the first round, were well behind in payment. Assurances from the Club Secretary-Manager, swayed the board of the Federation into allowing them to remain in the Competition with promise of a regular four-figure payment until the arrears were wiped out.

Just two days later, a strange quirk of fate was to pit Lake Macquarie and Wallsend against each other in the next round of the Competition at Macquarie Field. Lake Macquarie must have wondered what all the fuss was about as it continued its First Division success in State League with Kerry Caban's two goals to a lone reply from Wallsend's Brian Whitehead, providing it with a comfortable 2-1 win.

The Alliance League Competition was just about all over in Reserve Grade by mid-June with Adamstown having proved themselves vastly superior to anything else in the League.

The Under 19 Competition, however, was providing the unexpected. Tamworth had streaked away to an early lead but, after a slow and uncertain start, Lismore was posing more than an idle threat to the top of the table. These two country sides had the advantage of their fellows in Under 19's, in as much as they were allowed to play three all-age players. Both, however, were to end up fielding definite Under 19 teams before the end of the season. Lismore's participation in Under 19's was not an easy one as they made the long journeys by mini-bus and sleeping arrangements for their squad were rough and ready - as indeed they were for the Newcastle teams for their visits to Oakes Oval.

By the first Sunday in July, Lake Macquarie had shown that they would do well to hang onto a semi-final position, after a 4-0 thrashing at the hands of Stewarts & Lloyds, who in turn proved that any challenge to Weston's supremacy would come from their quarter. By the third week in July with only five matches to go, Weston held a comfortable 3 point lead over Stewarts, 4 over Tamworth and 5 over Twin Towns.

Stewarts & Lloyds Oval on Saturday, 25th July, was make or break for both Clubs as they faced each other at 2.30 p.m. A win for Weston gave it an unassailable lead and a mortgage on the Premiership for the second year in succession. By 4.15 p.m. Weston's hopes were in ruins after a 4-1 defeat and the goals scored by Stuart Gray (penalty), Frank McKay, John Parkes and David Sweeney had ensured a tremendous fight over the last four Premiership rounds with Weston's lead cut down to a slender point.

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The following day, Twin Towns and Tamworth fought out a grim 0-0 draw to stay locked in the minor semi-final positions and both recorded wins the following weekend, while Adamstown were bounced 3-0 by a grim Weston at Adamstown Oval, after the home side had had midfielder, John Macquarie, sent off in the first minute of the match. With Coffs Harbour accounting for Lake Macquarie 3-2, it appeared that an all country minor semi-final was more than a possibility.

Trouble for State League and the Federation was again on the horizon. On Sunday, 19th July, Geoff Allwell's two goals for Tamworth put paid to Wallsend in more ways than one, when the State League's carrier Masling Airlines reported misconduct by the Wallsend team on the return flight to Newcastle.

It was to be the final and ultimate complaint from the airline who had reported other instances of misconduct, mostly minor, from some Clubs throughout the season. The Federation had issued numerous warnings to all Clubs, without obtaining the desired effect and the Board had no option but to heed the edict from Masling. Wallsend and Armidale were not to fly again or the service would be withdrawn for all Clubs. Armidale had proved a consistent thorn to Masling, in reporting back late for return flights and, indeed, had been abandoned on one occasion that wasn't totally its fault, and had to travel home by coach. Curfew times at country airports was the stumbling block which had led the airline into consistent problems.

Wallsend had only one match left to travel, the furthest journey, to Twin Towns while Armidale coincidentally only had its away match at Wallsend which involved aircraft travel.

Both Clubs were informed that their teams would have to fulfil the fixtures by road. Armidale accepted without demur but Wallsend which, in the meanwhile, lost two matches to Stewarts & Lloyds, had two meetings with the Federation as to who would pay the $1,200 expenses for the journey to the Gold Coast. Wallsend's insistence that the Federation should foot the bill was like asking for a bank overdraft, as the payments promised to the League in June had again fallen behind. The arguments as to whether Wallsend could have found eleven players to travel to Twin Towns by road, whether the Federation should have footed the bill or whether, in fact, $600 promised by a Federation desperate to avoid another crisis in its Premier League, were the stumbling blocks, were to rage for weeks. Nonetheless, after threats by the Federation and by Wallsend, the Red Devils finally forfeited just hours before they were to have set off on the journey. On that same day Sunday, 9th August, the upset of the season occurred at Weston Park, where visitors Coffs Harbour, with a Col Miner goal and a Phil McMullen penalty, escaped with a point in a 2-2 draw. Weston, now a game in hand, were two points behind Stewarts & Lloyds and there wasn't an iota between them in goal difference.

Armidale also achieved their sole victory of the season on the same day with a 4-1 victory over visitors, Belmont-Swansea, one of the rare hat-tricks of the season in State League being scored by the League's only coloured player, Braimah-Mahamah, more commonly called "Mud" by all and sundry!

A worried Board of Directors met the following Tuesday evening to discuss Wallsend's forfeiture to Twin Towns and agreed to abandon the hearing until the following Tuesday evening to give Wallsend a chance to state its case and an irate Twin Towns the opportunity to present a legitimate bill for compensation.

The publicity surrounding Wallsend's forfeiture was not good for it, or soccer and deep in everyone's minds was the coming weekend's clash at Crystal Palace between Wallsend and Weston. With the League table poised the way it was, it was a vital encounter and more than one mind was worried at Wallsend's possible attitude to the fixture.

Despite the publicity, Wallsend were determined to salvage some pride and gave Weston a tremendous battle and the title aspirants, despite throwing everything at Wallsend except the proverbial kitchen sink in the latter stage, could only take a point after twice being behind.

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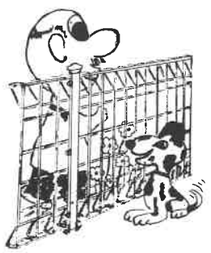

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The title now belonged to Stewarts & Lloyds, if they could beat Twin Towns in the last home match of the season. The deed, and the title, were won handsomely, as the League's leading scorer, Frank McKay, scored two and Micky Boot and John Parkes hammered home a final 4-0 victory. The title belonged to Stewarts & Lloyds and Weston's 3-0 win at Tamworth the following week just did not matter.

The Wallsend affair dragged on for a further week, before the Federation handed down its decision. Wallsend's last home fixture with Armidale was to be abandoned and its Reserve and Under 19 teams, both in semi-final positions, were to be expelled from the Competition. In addition, Wallsend was to pay $600 compensation to Twin Towns.

Wallsend appealed to the Federation's Tribunal and, after arguing passionately for its lower grade teams, were successful in getting them back onto the park, albeit, that the compensation to Twin Towns was increased to $802. A bitterly disappointed Board of the Federation abided by the decision knowing full well that Wallsend's capacity to pay that fine and pay the outstanding affiliation fees was virtually nil. The Board of the Federation had failed, in any way, to penalise its errant member and could only sympathise with Twin Towns at the losses incurred in having its last home match abandoned.

On the same day that Stewarts & Lloyds secured the title, the Tamworth Under 19 side nailed the Premiership with a 2-1 home victory against Adamstown leaving in its wake a bitterly disappointed Lismore.

The Minor Semi-Final was played at Coffs Harbour Showground on Sunday, 30th August, between Tamworth and Twin Towns, the whole match being televised by NRN 11. The viewers saw a memorable performance by Twin Towns Goalkeeper, John Marshall, who turned in a brave and courageous display but, despite his brilliance, could not prevent a 2-1 defeat in extra time.

The early match had seen the Under 19 Major Semi-Final between Tamworth and Lismore, with Tamworth winning a hard, and often spiteful, battle 2-1.

Tamworth was now assured of both teams in the Preliminary Final in Tamworth in a fortnight's time and most people would have laid odds that, on form, Weston would be making the journey.

After some controversy over the Saturday night timeslot at Edgeworth, Weston and Stewarts & Lloyds fought a tremendous battle before Weston, desperate to salvage something from the 1981 season, ran out 3-2 winners with goals from Jack T. Turnbull (2) and Andrew Johns. Adamstown, 3-0 winners over Weston in the Reserve Grade Major, made it straight to the Grand Final, Lake Macquarie winning 3-1 in the Minor over Wallsend.

The Under 19 Minor Semi-Final saw Wallsend earn the journey to Oakes Oval, Lismore, for the Preliminary Final with a 2-0 victory over Weston.

Preliminary Final weekend on the 12th September, saw the Federation's plans almost come unstuck when the beautiful Oakes Oval was drowned in torrential rain with Referee John Tattersall more than a little worried that he might have to call off the Under 19 Final. In a mudbath, Lismore swamped Wallsend 5-1 to proceed to the Grand Final in Tamworth against the old enemy.

Referee Tattersall proceeded to the unusual venue of West Tamworth Rugby League ground to referee the Senior Preliminary Final between Tamworth and Stewarts & Lloyds the following day. The rugby posts actually protruded into the back of the goal nets and provided an unusual sight! It was Stewarts & Lloyds who gave the nets a workout and for all Tamworth had their chances, it was the steadier finishing of first, Bill Amey, and then Paul Queenan, which provided a 2-0 victory despite the partisan support for the home side.

The Grand Final on Saturday, 19th September at Macquarie Field was an anti-climax as Weston and Stewarts & Lloyds did battle. Battle became very much the operative word in a bone-crunching display from both sides which allowed very little skill. Referee Alf Rodway had 7 names in his book before half-time and the match was ruined as any kind of entertainment spectacle. As it was, it was Weston who gained some solace for a season of disappointment with a scrambled lone goal winner only minutes from the end.

Adamstown had added the Grand Final trophy to the Premiership trophy in the Reserve Grade preliminary match to underline its season's supremacy in that grade, the match being made memorable by Adamstown's Trevor Smith's 30 yard goal.

The West Tamworth League ground the following day saw another dour battle between Tamworth and Lismore Under 19's and, once again, it was the Premiership runner-up which grabbed the trophy as Lismore won 2-0 in a match in which tempers flared, one Tamworth player being given his marching orders late in the match by Referee Peter Burgess.

So the curtain came down on what had proved to be a very troubled season for State League. Long before the final curtain, many Clubs were becoming worried as to their future in view of the demise of Edgeworth and Wallsend. A despairing attitude prevailed of "who next?" Already representations were being made by the State League Clubs with demands as to what the Federation should be doing to enhance their membership of State League. The poor support for the Newcastle teams led many of them to believe that, unless the Federation could do something to help them, it was a terrible waste of money to continue.

Wallsend, obviously, were in no position to continue with State League. Adamstown and Weston had tabled letters to the Federation which imposed conditions as to their continuing in the Competition. Stewarts & Lloyds categorically said it would not be involved unless sponsorship was found and Belmont-Swansea, without reservation, finally requested a berth in First Division.

The circumstances were to provide for a hectic close season for the Federation Directors and its member Clubs. If State League collapsed, the crash would be felt by every club in the Federation.

And what of the country clubs specifically formed to compete in State League? Tamworth, Coffs Harbour and Twin Towns all appeared financially viable and were well pleased with their participation. Armidale had struggled, both in standard and finances for two seasons and one had to admire the fortitude of both players and officials in a courageous struggle to survive and compete. Had it all been in vain for Lismore? Was the country area to be abandoned? Were we to return to a solely Newcastle competition?

As an exultant Weston side held aloft their hard won trophy at Macquarie Field on Saturday, 19th September, no-one could foresee the crystal ball with any certainty whatsoever.

The argument as to the future would involve every Club and it would be a brave man who would predict that any team would hold aloft the State League Grand Final trophy at the end of 1982.

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N.N.S.W. U/19 YOUTH SQUAD 1981

Over the years the North has acquitted itself well at National Championship level, as a general rule anyway. There have been some years that were better than others. It would be true to say that the best prepared squads have achieved most. The Under 16's in 1973 was a case in point. They won the final against Queensland 5-0. That was Joe Senkalski's year.

At the same age level 1970 had been a disastrous year. There was virtually no preparation because there was no time for it. Last year was in the same vein. Mike Trebilcock was given something like three weeks in which to prepare his squad and things came unstuck. That was a direct consequence of the players not being together long enough to get to know one another or their coach. When Mike asked them to play the offside trap the results were disastrous. Few of the boys had had any experience of that system and it requires excellent understanding and timing. With only two matches gone, the lads had conceded more than ten goals and their confidence was shattered. There were recriminations.

The results from the tournament and the anguish the lads suffered as a consequence could have been avoided with better planning. It was only towards the end of the tournament that the lads showed their character. They pulled themselves together and recorded two creditable performances to just escape last place in the field of eight.

Northern N.S.W. hasn't won an U/19 (U/18) Championship since they were re-introduced in 1977 and it is interesting to conjecture why. Our record at U/16 level is far better. Could there be some reason why our standard at U/19's drops off? To start with, there is an indication that our soccer youngsters suffer badly by comparison with those in Europe and South America between the ages of 16 and 19. At sixteen our young players have done well in Europe. What happens to them over the next couple of years? The answer seems to be that they do not get either the coaching or the competition necessary to develop into world class players. It seems that, in Northern N.S.W., they suffer worse in this respect than youngsters in other states of Australia. How else would you account for the fact that A.C.T. and Tasmania, easy-beats at Under 16 level, give our boys a real tussle at Under 19's?

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FIRST DIVISION

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Perhaps the argument which best represented the unbiased viewpoint was the one which stated that both State League and First Division had its share of excellent clubs and teams. However (went the opinion), there were some poor sides in both, which helped to make mockery of the standards of both Leagues.

Certainly First Division could expect that Highfields Azzurri, Lake Macquarie, West Wallsend and Maitland would prove to be the Clubs to beat in 1981 with Hamilton Red Star, Cessnock and Mayfield in contention. On paper alone, Kurri Kurri, Belmont, Cardiff, Dudley and Westlakes could not hope to consistently trouble their more redoubtable opponents.

So it proved from the kick-off on the opening day of the Premiership on Sunday, 22nd March. The odd shock was to be forthcoming from the lesser lights, as one of the leading lights struggled through a bad patch but never a tangible effort where the unsuspected was achieved unexpectedly by the "light-weights."

In retrospect one shock result was achieved at Maitland on the second round on 29th March when Mayfield's Kevin Lagerstrom, Brad Stewart and Ken Boardman's goals sunk Maitland 3-1. At that stage the result was not unexpected from what was a strong Mayfield squad. In just five short months the winner was to slip away quietly into the depths of Second Division and the loser was to appear in its second successive Grand Final.

Maitland were to struggle in the early rounds of the Premiership with a poor string of results which robbed them of any right to challenge for the Premiership. So too were West Wallsend who were to receive the second heavyweight v lightweight shock on Saturday, 4th April, at Rathmines where Kevin Riley, the Westlakes captain-coach, capped off a happy day by scoring the lone goal of the match to sink the Bluebells.

HIGHFIELDS AZZURRI — FIRST DIVISION MAJOR & MINOR PREMIERS

Back Row: M. Jennings, V. Hogan, R. Lawrence, J. D'Accione, B. Debnam, W. Vorstellman, W. Lanz, D. Rufo, T. Scotman, M. Webber, M. Godsell, N. Babic.
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So a pattern was established where one could just about predict a "shock-a-week" in Division One. To predict where it was going to happen was the hard part. Highfields Azzurri and Lake Macquarie seemed immune from the failures of their fellow heavyweights and were to play consistently week after week and establish a sizeable gap between themselves and the rest of the Division by the end of the first half of the Premiership. In retrospect, it had been a sad quirk of fate which drew them together at Whitebridge Oval on the opening day of the season. Azzurri had proved triumphant 2-0 with goals from Mick Webber and Matt Godsell but such an important clash, had it been foreseen, would have perhaps been a better final act than a curtain raiser.

On Saturday, 11th April, it was Maitland, still struggling for form, which dropped another point at Dudley in a bad tempered match off the field where Maitland's Coach, Neil Townsend, was cited to appear before the Federation and a dressing shed aftermath brought players to the same notice.

The following day, April 12th, saw the other side of the coin in an excellent game of football at Crystal Palace between Hamilton Red Star and leaders Highfields Azzurri where, in a ding-dong battle, it became hard to keep track of the scoreline as the nets were given a work-out by both sides in a 5-4 thriller with Azzurri having its nose in front at the right time with Ashley Stair and Slav Catalovski getting two each for Red star and Ross Lawrence getting two for Azzurri along with single efforts from Matt Godsell, Mario Bazaari and an own goal from Larry Urdarov.

On Good Friday, April 17th, it was West Wallsend's turn to suffer at Dudley where Gary Kent's lone goal sent Ray Lloyd's boys home pointless and raised more than a little speculation as to whether Dudley had made the leap from lightweight to middle weight class.

Easter Saturday was to see Maitland fail yet again in a match they could ill afford to lose, if they were to continue with any dreams of Premiership success, when Highfields Azzurri visited Cooks Hill Park, East Maitland and took two points in a 2-1 victory with Victor Hogan and Mark Vallone getting the important goals.

On Easter Monday, Hamilton Red Star gave evidence, once again, that if it was goals you wanted to see, you could do worse than follow them around when a large crowd watched a 3-3 thriller at Lymington Park, Cardiff, where the home side believed that Ray Magill's two goals and one from Englishman Andy Tate were enough to take the points. Red Star, however, fought right to the very end and deserved a point just for the entertainment value, if nothing else.

The following week saw the end of Dudley's challenge after such fine results in its two previous matches and it was sheer fate which pitted them at this moment in its third tough match in a row when it visited Speers Point and, despite a hard battle, dropped the points in a 3-2 defeat with Brett Gilbert, Neville Hamilton and Danny Harper scoring for the home side.

West Wallsend continued to stagger and John Bullock's goal was nowhere near enough when a determined Maitland visited Johnson Park to win 3-1 with two goals from Doug Elphick and one from Graham Bull doing the damage for the visitors.

The gap between the top two and the rest was to become very pronounced after Sunday, 3rd May, when Lake Macquarie made it two home defeats in two weeks for West Wallsend with a 3-2 win; Highfields Azzurri romped in 6-3 at Cahill Oval over the luckless Belmont and Maitland, after the improvement at West Wallsend, let another point slip through its grasp when Andy Tate's goal saw Cardiff leave with a 1-1 draw.

Maitland's woes were not yet over. Brett Gilbert's lone goal for Lake Macquarie at Speers Point the following week and a shock 2-2 home draw with lowly Belmont the week after that were to see Maitland have only the consolation of a semi-final berth to aim at. Happily for the Maitland club, the rest of the season was to be a far different story from that moment on.

West Wallsend were to recover at much the same time. On Sunday, 10th May, Kurri Kurri were the first to feel the sting of a side that had gained new determination with Baldwin, Adam Durkot and a Sepp Disch hat-trick swamping a lone effort from Charlie Harper to the tune of 5-1. The following week, Cessnock were rarely in the match at Johnson Park and the Bluebells, with a 2-0 victory, looked to have turned the corner.

There was to be just one more curve on that corner as Westy visited Crystal Palace on Sunday, 24th May, and received a 3-1 jolt from Hamilton Red Star. The Bluebells, after such a muddled first round, faced unbeaten league leaders Highfield Azzurri

AUSTRAL UNITED — DIVISION TWO MAJOR & MINOR PREMIERS

Back Row: R. Green (Manager), R. Milosevic, P. Woweries, M. Jones, B. Bevan, J. Bryden, D. Milosevic, R. Dimecola, S. Monk, P. Northey, R. Frame (Coach).
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which had progressed 9 matches without defeat, indeed without dropping a point, on Saturday, 30th May, and really put it together. Azzurri had no answer to a 4-0 hiding with Bogden Duma (2), Sepp Disch and Steve Coutts getting the goals that counted.

In a high scoring last round of the first half of the Premiership, Cessnock blasted Kurri Kurri 5-2, Maitland visited Westlakes and won 7-2 and Hamilton Red Star found that involvement in high scoring matches was O.K. - as long as you were doing the scoring. Not so good if you weren't at Lake Macquarie where Kerry Caban netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory over the "Stars."

At the half-way mark, the lower half of the division had settled into a hard battle for survival with Cessnock, Westlakes, and Hamilton Red Star always looking as if they had done enough to chase the semi-final positions and keep their collective heads above water. Not so at Dudley, Belmont, Kurri Kurri, Cardiff and Mayfield. Unless one could find a run of consistency, they would all have to fight against relegation. At this stage the only points that they were picking up were from battles between each other.

The first round of the second half of the Premiership on Monday, June 8th, saw the two at the top, Highfields Azzurri and Lake Macquarie, clash at Speers Point. It was a victorious Azzurri which departed with the points in an emphatic 3-0 victory with goals from Captain-coach Nev Power (2) and Ross Lawrence. It certainly looked that Azzurri, with that victory, had claimed a tremendous break on Lake Macquarie in the quest for the Premiership and that Macquarie now had the job ahead of them to catch up.

Whether Macquarie could have done, or would have done, was immediately to become a hypothetical question. The following evening, Tuesday, 9th June, Edgeworth were put out of State League and, by Thursday, Lake Macquarie had accepted Edgeworth's second top position and had transferred competitions.

The Board of the Federation was now faced with a dilemna. What to do with Edgeworth? The final decision when handed down was greeted with dismay by the First Division clubs. Those at or near the top wanted not a bar of Edgeworth vying for the Premiership or semi-final positions and those which were relegation viewed Edgeworth as an "escape clause" in their particular chances of First Division football in 1982.

After long discussion, the Board of Directors decided to swap both Clubs in entirety and Edgeworth took over second top position in First Division and Lake Macquarie's positions in the other grades as did Lake Macquarie in the Edgeworth positions in State League and Alliance League.

The Federation viewed the fact that Edgeworth had all Clubs to play except one, Highfields Azzurri, and therefore Azzurri's chance of Premiership prizemoney could not be affected by Edgeworth. Similarly, if Edgeworth had started with nil points and the points from Lake Macquarie's campaign been allotted to the clubs that they had beaten, then every club in First Division except two would have received two points. Azzurri's closest rivals would have therefore been elevated two points nearer.

There was mention of giving Edgeworth "average points", making the Club play out its fixture list as friendly matches and accepting certain relegation to second Division at the end of the

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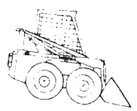

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In retrospect, and with the benefit of hindsight, it is more than probable that a Federation Board was desperately giving one of its more notable clubs of previous years, a chance to overcome the trauma within the Club that was bound to be created by loss of status in such a fashion.

Despite the protests from other First Division Clubs, the Federation's decision was final and the assurance was given that, should Edgeworth appear in the top four in any grade at the completion of the Premiership, then a play-off would be staged between the fourth and fifth placed teams for the right to appear in the Minor Semi-final.

Conjecture and speculation with regard to Edgeworth's chances did not last very long at all. On Saturday, 14th June, Edgeworth took the field at Lymington Park, Cardiff, against Willie Gallagher's Cardiff side and were vanquished 2-1 in a hard and torrid encounter which saw the Tigers pull out all the stops against the more illustrious Edgeworth outfit. Carl Lochrin and Dale Rowney's goals bringing much joy to Cardiff and adding profuse quantities of fuel to the fire as to the relative qualities of State League v First Division - especially as Lake Macquarie made a smooth transition to State League on the same day by beating Wallsend 2-1 at Speers Point.

On that same traumatic weekend for Edgeworth, any bookmaker would have made a fortune on the First Division results as they trickled in to the Federation Office. League leader, Highfields Azzurri had failed to capitalise on Edgeworth's failure and had lost at home to lowly Kurri Kurri with Ross Lawrence's two goals proving insufficient to counter those from Tommy Sneddon, Gary Palmer and Bruce Quinn in a shock 2-3 defeat. Maitland could only struggle to a 1-1 draw at Mayfield Park with the home team which had just seen Captain-coach John Clinton transferred to Adamstown Rosebuds.

West Wallsend were in the screaming horrors, yet again this time at Cahill Oval where bottom placed Belmont saw them off quite comfortably with coach, Warren Bergquist and Tony Avellis netting in a 2-1 victory. Just to round off an eventful series, Crystal Palace was the scene of another goal avalanche, this time with Cessnock the visitors in a 4-4 draw with Ashley Stair (2), Tony Colic and Peter Catalovski scoring for Hamilton Red Star while Steve Allen and Tommy Butler, with a hat-trick, were the entertainment providers for a sizeable crowd.

Maitland and West Wallsend were to gain immediate retribution the following weekend with 4-0 and 3-0 victories over Westlakes and Hamilton Red Star respectively. Azzurri too were to regain the winning trail at Bellbird with a 3-1 victory over Cessnock while Edgeworth, more than a little thankfully, was allowed time to lick a few wounds when its match with Belmont was postponed due to the state of the ground. The trauma had, indeed, afflicted Edgeworth with experienced mid-fielder, Trevor Smythe, transferring to Belmont-Swansea and the Georgeff brothers, Stace and John, departing for Hamilton Red Star.

It was a crash of spirit within a club which was to cost them further as they visited Rathmines on Saturday, 27th June, to face Westlakes which, with goals from Duncan, Moore and Gambrill gave it a 3-1 football lesson. Once again Azzurri failed to capitalise fully and dropped a home point to Hamilton Red Star in a 1-1 draw the following day - West Wallsend and Maitland were, after such muddled seasons, beginning to question whether their proverbial bolts had been shot or whether, indeed, they were still in with a chance of Premiership honours as they both had victories on the same weekend.

Saturday, 4th July, gave Maitland the chance to resurrect an outside chance when it visited Whitebridge Oval to face the league leader. Alas, for Maitland the chance went begging, or

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Front Row: D. Sharman, P. Burgess, P. Falcioni, G. Fuge, M. Firth, D. Byrne, M. Bowen.

more correctly half of it, in a hard 2-2 draw with Graham Bull and Doug Elphick scoring for the visitors and Victor Hogan and Mario Bazzarri for Azzurri.

Edgeworth finally nailed its first victory in First Division with a 2-0 win over the troubled Mayfield club at McLaughlin Park with "Polly" Griffiths two goals, at long last after a dreadful month, giving Eagles something to smile about.

Saturday, 11th July, saw Azzurri stagger yet again when Ross Lawrence's hat-trick could only ensure a point in a 3-3 draw at Cardiff, the only relief for Azzurri being that neither Maitland or West Wallsend capitalised as the two played out a 1-1 draw up at Maitland. Lowly Belmont, appearing certainties for relegation, were determined not to go without a fight and completely "snowed" Hamilton Red Star 4-0 at Cahill Oval on the same day. Only 3 points now separated the bottom five teams in First Division and, with two to be relegated, you could take your choice of Kurri Kurri, Belmont, Mayfield, Dudley and Cardiff.

The gap between the five was to be cut to 2 points after next week's round of matches with Dudley and Kurri Kurri going through agonies in a 3-3 draw that just wasn't enough for either of them. Belmont found it very difficult to make the "bomb land in the same place twice" and were torn to shreds, 4-0, by Azzurri and Cardiff, despite a great effort found Graham Bull's solitary goal too much up at Maitland.

Edgeworth, again, were to bite the dust with a 2-0 home defeat against derby rival West Wallsend.

There was, too, very little breathing space for Edgeworth, which was rapidly finding itself involved in a battle for a minor semi-final position, as it visited Maitland and was sunk yet again with a Wayne Leary goal on Saturday, 25th July. West Wallsend, now in second position but still four points behind Azzurri, crushed a woeful Kurri side 8-0 with Bogden Duma getting 5 of the goals and Sepp Disch a hat-trick. Belmont, battled its way out of the bottom two, for the first time in a long time, with a 2-1 win over fellow struggler Cardiff leaving Kurri Kurri and Mayfield holding the trapdoor positions. Cessnock and Hamilton Red Star, carefully watching Edgeworth's demise laid claims for that vital fourth position with resounding 5-0 and 4-0 victories over Dudley and Mayfield.

With only three weeks left to go, the battles at the top and the bottom were making a mockery of form and Azzurri dropped another vital point when Paul Smiljenic's two goals along with one from Ken Boardman breathed new hope into Mayfield when it attained a shock 3-3 draw. Kurri Kurri fought out a grim 0-0 draw with Edgeworth. Cardiff scratched a 3-3 draw with Westlakes and only Belmont, whipped 6-0 by a determined Maitland, seemed unable to make impact on the proceedings. There were still only 2 points separating the bottom five teams and now three of them, Belmont, Dudley and Mayfield were all together in second last position separated only by the narrowest of goal differences.

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the results of all the effort were clearly known. Highfields Azzurri claimed the Minor Premiership, and the Club Championship, with a 0-0 draw with close rivals West Wallsend. Maitland steered its way safely into third spot with a 3-1 win at Westlakes. Hamilton Red Star, with a last ditch 3-2 win over Edgeworth carried the right to face Edgeworth in a fourth placed play-off. Cessnock, which had looked certainties all along to force its way into contention, had received a shock defeat at the hands of relegation battler Kurri Kurri with a 1-0 scoreline. Belmont forced Mayfield to say goodbye to First Division with a 4-0 victory at Cahill Oval and relegation now rested between Dudley and Kurri, both of which had deferred matches to play the following weekend.

Neither could have picked tougher opposition for their last desperate finales. If Kurri could beat Maitland then it survived if Azzurri could do Kurri the favour of beating Dudley. It became an academic excercise as Maitland, eager to leapfrog West Wallsend into the major Semi-final position, won 2-1 at Kurri.

The 4-1 defeat for Dudley just didn't matter. Kurri and Mayfield were relegated.

The play-off for fourth place saw Edgeworth reverse the score-line of its last encounter with Hamilton Red Star, in a match which Hamilton Red Star sportingly agreed to play on Edgeworth's ground. Edgeworth had also had to battle its way into the lower two grades minor semi-finals and had to face play-offs in the other two grades - winning through in both.

Regrettably, the Under 19 grade was now to provide further controversy. Mayfield's Under 19 team, which had apparently won the Minor Premiership to provide the only bright spot of 1981, for a disappointed club, had to face allegations of playing two average players. The Federation had no option but to remove Mayfield from the competition and award the Minor Premiership to runners up, West Wallsend. Mayfield however, refused to take the Federation's decision without appeal and, by the time the matter was resolved the Under 19 major and minor semi-finals had been badly delayed.

When the two semi-finals were finally set down in mid-week at Edgeworth's ground, in order to provide an Under 19 Preliminary Final with the First and Reserve Grade the following weekend, further controversy reigned because of a refereeing error, which saw Edgeworth awarded the tie against Cardiff after the scores had been deadlocked after extra time. During the taking of penalties to determine the winner, the Referee decided that Cardiff could no longer win and took the teams off the field. However, the penalties had been miscounted and, after the referee realised his mistake, an attempt was made to get both teams back onto the field to finalise the taking of penalties. Cardiff, however, did not take the field, and its subsequent protest for a full replay was denied by the Federation, which refused Cardiff further recourse to appeal and awarded the tie to Edgeworth on a point of law.

The Edgeworth Under 19 side must have been beginning to believe that winning the Grand Final was a formality! After having to go through the rigours of a play-off and then qualify for the Preliminary Final in such fashion must have convinced Edgeworth supporters it was their year. Alas, West Wallsend put a full stop to Edgeworth ambitions with a convincing 3-1 win in the Preliminary Final.

The First grade Major and Minor Semi-Finals had, meanwhile proceeded without the Under 19's.

On Saturday, 29th August at Stewarts & Lloyds, West Wallsend and Edgeworth battled out a 1-1 draw after extra time. The Bluebells took the lead as early as the 12th minute, when Sepp Disch slotted one home. A Peter Griffiths goal in the 30th

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RESERVE GRADE

Kick-off 1.00 p.m.

HIGHFIELDS AZZURRI

1. JOHN MAGUIRE
2. GEORGE ZUCCON
3. BRIAN DEBNAM
4. MARK DOHERTY
5. GREG GARDINER
6. ALAN DALAZOTTI
7. BRIAN McSEVENY
8. MARIO BIZZARI
9. MARK JENNINGS
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11. PAUL APOSTALOU

EDGEWORTH

1. ROBERT KIESER
2. MICHAEL O'BRIEN
3. ROBERT WOODS
4. STEVE SMITH
5. PAUL KEOGH
6. ROBERT BLAND
7. TONY MYERS
8. TOMMY GRIFFITHS
9. IAN PENGELLY
10. DAVID WINDGROVE
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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

HIGHFIELDS AZZURRI v MAITLAND

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2. PETER FAIRLEIGH
3. PAUL MURPHY
4. NEVILLE POWER
5. NICK BABIC
6. MICK WEBER
7. DUILO RUFO
8. ROSS LAWRENCE
9. VICTOR HOGAN
10. JOE D'ACCIONE
11. MATT GODSELL

1. DAVID BALDWIN
2. WAYNE LEARY
3. JOHN BENNETT
4. ANDY COMERFORD
5. TONY FOOT
6. WESTON DOLEY
7. BRUCE MURPHY
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Kick-off 11.30 a.m.

HIGHFIELDS AZZURRI

1. LIARNE RENDINA
2. GEORGE MAGGIOTTO
3. GRANT LORD
4. TROY SCOTMAN
5. WAYNE ARMS
6. LEO APOSTALOU
7. MARIO D'ACCIONE
8. BILL LANZ
9. DAVID GARNHAM
10. IAN MORRISON
11. NICK ZANGARRI

WEST WALLSEND

1. MARK FRANKS
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4. GLEN CALLAGHAN
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minute put Edgeworth back onto level terms and the even tussle went to penalty kicks.

West Wallsend goalkeeper Craig Grills, made two superb saves from Chris Beatty and John Blazejevski to end any hopes that Edgeworth could gain some consolation from a season of trouble and drama and West Wallsend went on to win the sudden death penalty deciders 4-3.

Maitland substitute Bruce Murphy, playing only his second game since breaking his leg early in the season, had a large part to play in the Major Semi-Final at Edgeworth the following day. Minor Premiers, Highfields Azzurri looked firm favourites to avoid any Preliminary Final when Victor Hogan scored in the 29th minute to put Maitland behind the eight ball. It should have been 2-0 in the seventieth minute, when Hogan was brought down in the penalty area by Maitland goalkeeper, Norm Brown, but Ross Lawrence's kick missed its mark.

Murphy's appearance in the 51st minute had certainly revived the Maitland side and it was his 40 metre run in the 80th minute which was to provide the winner after Weston Doley had levelled the scoreline with just 12 minutes to go.

Murphy was brought down in the penalty area and despite the protests of a disappointed Azzurri side, Steve Jones converted the kick to put Maitland straight into the Grand Final.

The Preliminary Final was played as a night fixture at Edgeworth the following Friday night, and it was to provide a disappointing night for West Wallsend which had all three grades represented. The night started off well for the Bluebells when the Under 19's recorded a 3-1 victory over Edgeworth. Edgeworth, however, gained revenge in the Reserve Grade with a 2-1 win.

The first grade match was played at a fast pace with first Azzurri and then West Wallsend looking to have the upper hand. Azzurri finally broke the deadlock with a well taken goal - and it was the beginning of the end for Westy's hopes. Still in the game and with plenty of time to go, West Wallsend's George Niznik was sent off and it became a lop-sided battle. Surprisingly, Westy did get back on level terms with a penalty and Azzurri must have been wondering how many more important penalty kicks were to decide its future as Westy's 10 men battled on. Azzurri's second goal settled the game down and it drew out to its predictable close with the gallant Westy side never looking like they had the capability to pull it back out of the fire.

Grand Final day at Macquarie Field on Sunday, 13th September dawned as a day of hope for Highfields Azzurri. Like West Wallsend in the Preliminary Final, it was represented by all three grades. The effort was to prove too much.

The Under 19 final resulted in a 1-1 draw and the tie went to the agony of penalties with West Wallsend beating Azzurri by 4 to 3. The win gave the Westy Under 19 side the coveted double, having been awarded the Minor Premiership after Mayfield's expulsion.

Highfields Azzurri could do no better in the Reserve Grade, turning in a very uncharacteristic display to go down 3-0, to an Edgeworth side which had only qualified for the final play-offs after a surprising defeat by Belmont over Westlakes in the final round of the season.

Azzurri now faced the horror of losing all three in a Grand Final which was a repeat of the controversial Grand Final of 1980 against Maitland, which had seen a disgraceful on field and off field brawl, which had resulted in several suspensions. The match was to be controlled by long-serving Referee, Bill Jones, who was retiring after more than 400 first grade matches. It was, indeed, firmly controlled and, with last year's debacle firmly in mind, the match perhaps never attained the high entertainment value that both sides could provide on their day.

Highfields finally gained some honour from the day, with a 2-1 victory through Matt Gosdell's and Joe D'Accione's goals to the lone reply from Ian Purcell.

The win was a personal triumph for Azzurri Captain-Coach, Nev Power, in his first attempt at Coaching a First Division Club.

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DIVISION TWO

There was very little doubt in anyone's mind before the season commenced that Austral United and Doyalson RSL would prove to be the teams to beat.

Both Clubs were being backed by licensed Clubs and, in a Division where money was tight for many clubs, there was no doubt that both teams would be strong. Austral had appointed Bob Frame as Coach, but would leave the early part of the season to Eric Williams, due to Bob's absence overseas. It was a factor which was to prove important as the season unfolded. Doyalson had appointed former Edgeworth striker, Alan Parkinson, as their mentor.

If there was to be a challenge to the supremacy of Australs and Doyalson, it would come from Beresfield, the 1980 Grand Final winners, or perhaps the young Lambton Jaffas side, which had remained together after finishing fifth in 1980. Newly relegated Toronto-Awaba could also prove a surprise packet.

The first fixtures of the season went entirely as expected for the two favourites - but not so for their expected challengers as Lambton crashed 1-3 to newly promoted Olympic and Toronto-Awaba succumbed weakly to Raymond Terrace at Boomerang Park by 2-0.

Beresfield had a scrambled 1-0 victory over what was expected to be a relegation struggler in Kotara South.

The continuation of the early rounds saw a pattern established which placed Austral and Doyalson almost neck and neck at the top of the table with a surprising interloper, Newcastle Olympic, which had been newly promoted from Third Division. Regretfully for Olympic, they too were to drop quickly from the limelight after a rampant Doyalson put them firmly in their place with a 6-0 hiding at Doyalson in the fourth round of the Premiership.

Doyalson, in these early weeks, were to regret their abysmal effort on the opening day of the season at Adamstown Oval against newly promoted Third Division Champions, Cooks Hill, where they had frittered away a valuable point in a 2-2 draw and had two players sent off to further increase their woes. The RSL side were to drop further behind on Saturday, 16th May, at Lyle Peacock Field when Toronto-Awaba held them to a 1-1 draw.

Austral, however, was to find that the same weekend was to reveal chinks in its armour, when they faced Lambton Jaffas at Austral Park on the Sunday. Many anxious Doyalson supporters were delighted when Lambton squeezed to a 2-0 lead at half-

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time, through Scott Haynes and Steven Parsons, and, for the first 20 minutes of the second half, looked to be doing it comfortably. The Jaffas then had their left back sent off for querying a referee's decision and, after Jim Bryden pulled one back, Austral snatched back a point in the dying minutes with a close range header from young Ross Milosevic, applying some tremendous pressure in the closing stages.

The Division at this stage was beginning to sort itself out. Beresfield had had an uncertain start which left them poorly placed after the euphoria of the 1980 Season and the Club and Coach Peter Vanes parted company. Reserve Grade player John Bell took over the reins and began to get immediate results. Lambton Jaffas, too, had not fulfilled the promise they had shown in reaching the quarter-final of the pre-season State Cup and had crashed abysmally in their opening two games. The Jaffas' improvement was to be slow and steady with an unbeaten run that was to take them through 10 matches, to third top position for a time and a definite promotion and a possible Premiership challenge.

Raymond Terrace, under the coaching of former Edgeworth favourite, Stuart Kamasz, were walking an inconsistent road of win, lose, draw no matter what the opposition, yet were to prove quite a surprise packet before the end of the season. Toronto-Awaba, newly relegated from First Division, was following the same path as the Terrace, under the tutelage of "Butch" Stewart who had to wean several of the Club's younger players into the first team and expect inconsistency while he did so.

Kotara South and Cooks Hill settled down to fight the hard battle against relegation with any hopes of avoiding the trapdoor to Third Division being the form of Newcastle Olympic, which slipped rapidly down the table after a good start, and the waywardness of the experienced New Lambton squad which was following the pattern of former years by never achieving the results on the field that one conceded them by looking at it's team on paper.

As the pressures of avoiding relegation or achieving promotion took shape, the Division went through a very bad period of send-offs. Several games had two sent off the field and it was becoming unusual to see a match completed in Second Division with 22 players left on the park.

It was unfortunate that many Second Division matches were refereed by not so experienced referees, for it was a very hard Division that required experience from the man in black. The Division boasted many fine players who could have played higher grades, yet too often, were they mixed in with mediocrity.

Austral had four fine English players in Derek Lowe, Les True, Jimmy Bryden and Eric Williams, a bright up and coming youngster in Ross Milosevic and later his brother, Dean, who had transferred from PSL Club, Blacktown City.

Austral's goalkeeper, Robert Cox, had figured in a four figure transfer to the Club at the start of the season.

Doyalson RSL had gained the services of Ken James and Gary Tapper from Belmont-Swansea and the experience of ex-Toronto-Awaba's Geoff Finch, gave it a strong and classy mid-field that was far too good for the average Second Division Club. Doyalson had the deft touches of Alan Parkinson up front, allied with the flair of another English import, Ken Harrison, who was to prove one of the Division's most dangerous attackers. They were also to gain the services of Derek Lower from Australs in a somewhat bitter wrangle just before the transfer deadline.

Many of the other Clubs in the Division had a fair sprinkling of class or acknowledged talent - but, unfortunately, there were some very ordinary players mixed in with them. It became easy to pick out the danger players and in some matches they were given

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Front Row: K. Harrison, K. James, A. Parkinson, G. Tapper, K. Rutledge.

close and more often than not, unfair attention. Tempers flared too quickly when the man in black was slow to comprehend what was happening and Lowe, True, Bryden, Williams and Harrison, five talented imports, were all quickly sidelined with suspensions very early in the season. Some of those suspensions were definitely deserved, but some were very much the fault of the man in the middle, who had no understanding of what was happening off the ball and needed to see violence before his very eyes to take action, without having the understanding of how or why it had got that far. The Referees Association were doing their level best to put experience into Second Division, but the pressures elsewhere were, of necessity, ensuring inexperience was present far too often.

Opposing Coaches, when faced with such an array of talent against them, did not do their part for the game either, in instructions to their players. It can best be summed up by the attitude of one coach, one afternoon when, after watching one of the "Pommies" removed along with his player, in the second half, patted his smiling player and gloated to his companion, "they didn't want to lose him, that'll hurt".

So the Division was a strange mixture - and to point out the anomalies of the preceeding paragraphs, a Club that had the most to struggle and fight for, Cooks Hill, until the last few matches when the pressure to avoid relegation came to the boil, was easily the best behaved team in the League.

Saturday, 30th May, provided happiness for Austral and despair for Doyalson RSL, when the two leaders clashed at Austral Park in a vital battle. The final score-line read 2-1 in favour of Austral, but reality on the park did not indicate that closeness of scoreline. Australs did it in handsome fashion and were clearly supreme long before Doyalson's last minute consolation goal.

The following Sunday, 7th June, was to provide another body-blow to Doyalson when Lambton Jaffas were the visitors. Lambton, after losing it's first two matches to what were to be relegation candidate Olympic and New Lambton, had proceeded through the rest of the round unbeaten.

The Jaffas' teenage midfield of David Pezely, Scott Haynes and ex-KB Youth Player Steve Parsons, played to instructions and gave away the centre of the park to Doyalson's vastly experienced trio and made sure that they were always goalside of their opponents. A despairing Doyalson trudged off at the end, defeated 1-0, after having 90% of the game and every inch of the field except the 20 yards in front of Lambton's goal.

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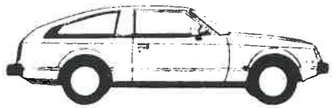

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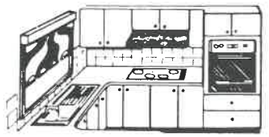

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It looked as if the Premiership was tightly sewn up by Austral United as they streaked away at the top of the table, leaving a healthy gap between themselves and Doyalson.

However, strange and unpredictable things were happening at Austral Park, which were to unsettle it's team and more importantly, it's spirit. Stopper Derek Lowe wanted to leave to go to Doyalson RSL and player-coach Eric Williams wished to be relieved of the duty due to loss of personal form. The Club approached ex-PSL Coach Brian Deakin to fill the breach until Bob Frame's return and he quickly enlisted the services of local favourite Bobby Cameron. As so often happens to many Clubs under new management (and for no earthly reason), Australs crashed.

On Sunday, 14th June they met a New Lambton side which played way above itself and slipped to a confidence-sapping 1-2 defeat at Edden Oval. After losing Lowe, who was to turn out for Doyalson, the same day against Cooks Hill, a hastily reconstructed defence was further torn apart by injury to a full back. Then came a memorable bullet header from New Lambton's Russell Schott which no one could ever forget and the 2-0 leeway for the League leader was just too much to win back despite a desperate battle.

The relegation position was also becoming clearer and Cooks Hill raised hopes with a 5-2 win over Olympic only to be sent reeling the week after with a 4-1 defeat by New Lambton. Kotara South, by late June, had no chance of avoiding relegation and, with New Lambton seemingly determined to do only as much as was necessary to keep its nose in front of ultimate danger, Olympic and Cooks Hill looked set to battle it out to keep away from the dubious honour of joining Kotara South.

Austral, in the last week of June, beat Toronto-Awaba 3-1 to continue their march at the top with regained confidence and the rapidly improving Beresfield side, which had done so well under John Bell, was stopped dead in its tracks on the Pasedena Crescent ground by hoodoo team Raymond Terrace to the tune of 3-1. Beresfield were to finish the game with only 9 men, but had been well out-manoeuvred by Terrace long before those desperate moments.

As July dawned, it certainly looked as though it was Austral to be Premiers, Lambton Jaffas or Doyalson RSL to join it for promotion and Raymond Terrace and Beresfield to fight it out for fourth position. It looked that clear cut - but had anyone been making book they would have won a lot of money.

Austral, once again with bewildering uncertainty, was proving that your own worst enemy could be yourself. With rumour abounding that Bob Frame was back and taking over from Deakin and other rumours to the contrary, that certain players would have preferred Eric Williams to continue the job he started and the only definite thing being that no-one outside of Austral knew what the true position was, the Premiership favourites staggered very badly. In successive weeks firstly, Beresfield handed out a 5-2 thrashing and then Raymond Terrace conceded them a 3-0 start and then recovered to shock Austral 3-4, both matches at Austral Park. After that second defeat on Saturday, 11th July, the Premiership was very much a three-way possibility with Doyalson RSL and Lambton Jaffas very much in the fray.

It took less than 24 hours to be returned to a two way struggle. Doyalson gleefully pounced on its advantage to let Austral know they were still around, by smashing a luckless Kotara South 7-1 at Nesbitt Park. Lambton Jaffas, meanwhile, were to face its moment of truth at Beresfield's Pasedena Crescent, and, after being well aware of its future chances due to Austral's defeat on the Saturday, turned in a pathetic display in an incomprehensible 7-1 crash.

The League table on that Sunday night was very lop-sided with Doyalson having a 5 point lead over Austral which had two matches in hand. Beresfield were third and Terrace were fourth, Lambton having fallen to fifth, but with two matches in hand over Beresfield and one on Raymond Terrace.

The following Saturday, 18th July, Lambton removed themselves from any contention of promotion with a 3-2 loss to Austral at Edden Oval and Doyalson and Austral congratulated themselves on certain promotion and settled down to fight it out for the Premiership.

The unexplainable was still about to happen. Beresfield, in such great form, were lucky to leave Adamstown Oval with a point from relegation struggler Cooks Hill, and Raymond Terrace were to follow the pattern, dropping a home point to New Lambton.

DIVISION TWO — MACQUARIE FIELD

UNDER 19

Kick-off 11.45 a.m.

LAMBTON JAFFAS

1. JOHNNY DEPP
2. DAVID SHARMAN
3. LLOYD MARTIN
4. GERARD FUGE
5. MICHAEL BOWEN
6. KEVIN CRANSON
7. SCOTT KEEGAN
8. PAUL BURGESS
9. PAUL FALCIONI
10. MARK FIRTH
11. DENNY BYRNE
G. SCOTT HANSON
12. SCOTT HAYNES
13. DAVID PEZELY

TORONTO-AWABA

1. PAUL MARR
2. BRETT PORTER
3. BRETT JONES
4. WAYNE OSLAND
5. IAN McDONALD
6. MARTIN ROBERTS
7. SCOTT PIGGOTT
8. CRAIG WOODMAN
9. GLEN FISCHER
10. PAUL EDDY
11. STEPHEN WILKINSON
12. SHANE HYNES
13. GREGORY FOGO
14. DARREN CHAPMAN

REFEREE: P. McLeish
LINESMEN: M. Picasso & F. Tisdell

FIRST GRADE

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

AUSTRAL UNITED v DOYALSON R.S.L.

1. ROBERT COX	1. JOHN DOUGLAS
2. WAYNE RYE	2. GARY TAPPER
3. STEPHEN MONK	3. GLEN SCARFE
4. DEAN MILOSEVIC	4. DEREK LOWE
5. BRUCE BEVAN	5. PAUL WARWICK
6. LESTER TRUE	6. GEOFF FINCH
7. PAUL HURST	7. KEN JAMES
8. ERIC WILLIAMS	8. KEN ROUTLEDGE
9. JIMMY BRYDEN	9. ALAN PARKINSON
10. GARY HARDES	10. CHRIS WARWICK
11. ROSS MILOSEVIC	11. KEN HARRISON
G. PHIL NORTHEY	G. TYE FOSTER
12. MICK LEE	
13. RICKY DEMACOLA	
14. MICK JONES	

REFEREE: R. Davies
LINESMEN: N. Jones & P. Burgess

RESERVE GRADE

Kick-off 1.15 p.m.

TORONTO AWABA

1. MARK ANTHONY
2. MICHAEL McBEATH
3. JOHN KAISER
4. CARL DUDLEY
5. WAYNE MOULTON
6. STEPHEN DUFF
7. JEFFREY GROTH
8. DARREN CHAPMAN
9. ANTHONY PARKES
10. GARRY WEBSTER
11. WARREN PENFOLD
12. BRUCE AVERY
13. WARWICK CASHMERE
14. ALAN PIGGOTT

DOYALSON R.S.L.

1. TYE FOSTER
2. BRANCO TRANJSTIC
3. GRAEME WOLFENDEN
4. GRAEME BOULTER
5. MARK DOMSWORTH
6. SHANE O'BRIEN
7. MICK SKAMPERLE
8. ANGUS PAYNE
9. STEVE THOMS
10. GEOFF CURTIS
11. JOHNNY BOWEN
12. TERRY MASON
13. RAY BOULTER
14. GREG POMMERING

REFEREE: A. Sachetta
LINESMEN: F. Tisdell & M. Picasso

CHARLESTOWN UNITED — DIVISION THREE FINALISTS (THIRD GRADE)

Back Row: P. Hepple, F. Brien, S. Cox, S. Peachy, D. Johnson.
Front Row: A. Hall, D. Hill, T. Cashen, P. Curran, S. Goverd, D. Townsend.

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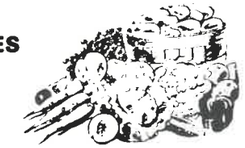

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On Saturday, 25th July, the Premiership went right back into the melting pot when Doyalson RSL, like so many teams before them, found Beresfield's "postage stamp" ground a graveyard of high hopes and, like Lambton Jaffas just two weeks earlier, with so much to play for, went down without a whimper to 4-0 defeat.

It was hardly the dress rehearsal that Doyalson wanted for the following match which was to determine the resting place of the Minor Premiership Trophy - their home clash with Austral on Saturday, 1st August.

With Doyalson 3 points ahead but conceding two games in hand to Australs, the RSL team's best chance of the Premiership was to win over their arch rivals. A hotly disputed penalty converted by Doyalson Coach, Alan Parkinson gave them a mortgage on the Premiership but first, Ross Milosevic, and then striker, Jim Bryden, put despairing nails in the Doyalson coffin for a 1-2 defeat and Australs now had the three bottom teams to play, Olympic, Cooks Hill and Kotara South, needing four points out of the six for the Minor title.

Doyalson could now only consolidate its position as major semi-finalist and promotion certainty by winning its last match of the season against Lambton Jaffas at Edden Oval. This they did quite easily, 5-1.

More than a little hope was afforded Doyalson that it might still be, perhaps, a Premiership win as Olympic and Cooks Hill battled to avoid joining Kotara South in Third Division.

Cooks Hill blasted certain semi-finalist Raymond Terrace 2-1 only to see Olympic fight a 3-3 draw with Australs.

The last match of the Premiership saw Doyalson level with Austral but ahead on goal difference - Austral's last match being against Cooks Hill, which had to draw to stay in Second Division. Alas, it was not to be for the battling Cooks Hill team, its despair at the 0-1 defeat being matched by the jubilation of Australs as it clinched the Premiership in such hard fought fashion.

Doyalson were to have somewhat sweet revenge by beating Austral 1-0 in the major semi-final the following week at Macquarie Field, so consigning the Premier to the Preliminary Final at Adamstown Oval against Beresfield, which had defeated Raymond Terrace in a lack lustre minor semi-final at Edgeworth by the same margin.

The Premiers nearly came unstuck at Adamstown Oval the following Sunday when Beresfield dominated the first half and romped to a 2-0 lead at half time with goals from Malcolm Calderwood and Barry Randall. A penalty brought Austral back into the game in the sixtieth minute, when Eric Williams converted after Bryden had been brought down and after Austral slowly forced its way back into the match, Bryden calmly drew the goalkeeper and pushed home the equaliser 10 minutes from the end.

Extra time saw scoring chances missed by both sides before Bryden scored a simple chance and then Eric Williams blasted home number four from 25 yards to deny Beresfield its second Grand Final in a row.

The Grand Final at Macquarie Field on Saturday, 5th September, proved to be an anti-climax. Many thought there would prove to be very little between Austral and Doyalson as, indeed, had proved the case all season.

The showpiece match of the season was not allowed to show that closeness after Doyalson's Derek Lowe lost his temper midway through the first half with former club-mate Jimmy Bryden and referee Robbie Davies had no option but to leave Doyalson with only 10 men for the remainder of the match. Despite a valiant fight by the 10 men they were never really in with a chance and it was Austral which had achieved the coveted double with an easy 4-1 victory.

Doyalson RSL achieved some consolation for the defeat with a Reserve Grade Grand Final, albeit on the sour taste of a 4-3 penalty decision, after the scores had been locked at 1-1 with Toronto-Awaba.

Lambton Jaffas were also to gain some recompense for the abject crash of its first team at the end of the season, when its U/19 side nailed the double after a 2-0 victory over the luckless Toronto-Awaba club in the Junior Grand Final.

SWANSEA WORKERS — DIVISION THREE FINALISTS (RESERVE GRADE)

Back Row: B. Freer, D. Pettit, R. Owens, S. Rolvink, P. Wright, L. Davies, M. Jaeger.
Front Row: R. Cain, K. Lettic (Capt.), P. Westcott, S. Holl, G. Hain, B. Jones.

DIVISION THREE — BLACKSMITHS

RESERVE GRADE

Kick-off 1.15 p.m.

MARKS POINT

1. RAY BROADBENT
2. RAY SMITH
3. ROSS JARVIS
4. GRAHAM HARVEY
5. GREG COX
6. GEOFF DYSON
7. GARY MURRELL
8. KEVIN SMITH
9. KEITH SMITH
10. NEIL COATES
11. IVAN HERRIN
G. WAYNE ROSE
12. MARK OUTRAM
13. IAN PRICE

SWANSEA WORKERS

1. S. ROLVNICK
2. B. JONES
3. L. DAVIES or D. PETTIT
4. B. FREER
5. B. OWENS
6. P. WESTCOTT
7. M. MULHALL
8. M. JAEGER
9. S. HOLL
10. P. WRIGHT
11. K. LETTICE
12. G. HAIN
13. R. CAIN
14. P. JONES

REFEREE: V. Alder
LINESMEN: G. Harris & P. Shiner

FIRST GRADE

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

JESMOND v GARDEN SUBURB

1. DARRIN JOHNSTONE	1. JOHN KIME
2. STEVE POLE	2. TERRY STOW
3. STEVE KIRSOP	3. PHIL McKENNA
4. GREG SKELLY	4. BILL SUMMERS
5. NEIL CASSEL	5. GEOFF HILLARD
6. DREW HOBAN	6. RON McKENNA
7. IAN JEANS	7. PAUL HAYES
8. JEFF DRYDEN	8. MARK RODWAY
9. GLEN SCHUCK	9. GEORGE STELLMAC
10. MARTIN ANSELL	10. CHRIS VILLA
11. PETER MABBOTT	11. WARREN MILLS
G. MARTIN TEAL	G. ROBERT CHAMBERS
12. PHIL GARDNER	12. JOE DELZOTTO
13. JOHN MALEY	13. MARK BRYCKI
14. DARRELL PENMAN	
15. JULIAN LARKINS	

REFEREE: J. Caban
LINESMEN: D. Jackaman & D. Southgate

THIRD GRADE

Kick off 11.45 p.m.

MARKS POINT

1. BRETT FUTCHER
2. GREG ARCHBOLD
3. BRAD HARVEY
4. MICHAEL RUSSELL
5. IAN PRICE
6. RAY BEATON
7. NEIL CURTIS
8. ALAN CURTIS
9. BILL JARVIS
10. MICHAEL HAIGH
11. BEDE KELLY
12. MARK OUTRAM
13. WAYNE ROSE

CHARLESTOWN UNITED

1. DAVE JOHNSTON
2. DAVID HILL
3. FRANK BRIEN
4. DARRELL TOWNSEND
5. PHILLIP HEPPLE
6. TONY CASHEN
7. PETER CURRAN
8. DAVID GRIERSON
9. ANDREW HALL
10. SCOTT PEACEY
11. STEVEN GOUARD
G. TOM CHINNERY
12. STEVE COX
13. DAVID HAYMAN
14. STEVE JONES
15. REECE JOHN

REFEREE: W. Purcell
LINESMEN: P. Shiner & G. Harris

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DIVISION THREE

The story of Division Three in 1981 was the success of Jesmond. After teetering on the brink of relegation from Division Two for several years and gaining reprieve for one reason or another until 1980, the Rams finally had a measure of success within the Club which had eluded them since the early seventies, when they were known as Jesmond-Wallsend R.S.L.

Despite the Club's relegation at the end of the 1980 season, a nucleus of Division Two players was retained and the experience of Greg Skelly and Ian Jeans among others, was to serve them well in a hard Third Division campaign.

Despite an unbeaten Premiership record and an impeccable Grand Final win, Jesmond did not have things its own way throughout the season. A third of its matches ended in draws and more than one opponent was to cry "lucky Jesmond" as the unbeaten record was kept intact a little fortuitously on more than one occasion. The Rams proved one thing, which does not apply solely to a Premiership aspirant in Third Division, but is an adage at any level of football - if you want to win Premierships, it is not getting beaten on your bad days that provides success.

Jesmond certainly had that knack. At their peak, the Jesmond players were the best combination in the League with only Garden Suburbs, University and Central Coast, the other three semi-finalists, able to rival them.

Indeed it was Garden Suburbs who removed the Jesmond unbeaten tag in the Major Semi-Final at Blacksmiths winning an exciting tussle 3-2 after extra-time - and fully deserved to do so. It was a different, more determined Jesmond however, which Garden Suburbs faced in the Grand Final on the same ground a fortnight later - and hard though Suburbs battled, Jesmond were just too good.

University and Central Coast never really got into the hunt for the Premiership at any stage of the season and Central Coast were fortunate to be there at all, only managing the honour on goal difference, over a luckless South Cardiff side - indeed, the margin on goal difference was equal, but the Coasties qualified by virtue of having scored more goals.

For the rest of Division Three, the season was a disappointment with all efforts being directed towards survival from relegation, rather than a major hope of success.

Marks Point, newly promoted from Division Four, had a creditable season of consolidation and finished in mid-table while Stockton, Charlestown United and Swansea Workers all had, by their own previous standards, very poor seasons.

Charlestown United, at one stage, looked certain to join obvious wooden spooner, Gosford Rangers, in Fourth Division football, but commenced a tremendous fight in mid-season which saw the Club to safety.

Swansea Workers, which had always had a strong combination worthy of respect in previous seasons, slumped dramatically, and had to battle all season to escape the bottom two positions without ever succeeding.

Gosford Rangers, had its third season of struggle and had to accept the inevitable, very early in the season, that it was bound for Division Four.

The struggling Clubs had some consolation from the 1981 season with Marks Point and Swansea Workers dominating the Reserve and Third Grade competitions.

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GRETA-BRANXTON — DIVISION FOUR MAJOR PREMIERS

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Front Row: M. Hale & G. Foster (Ballboys), R. Tully, D. Fullick, G. Foster, T. Redgrove, C. Johnson, A. Thrift.
Absent: N. Fletcher (Coach).

DIVISION FOUR — LYMINGTON PARK, CARDIFF

RESERVE GRADE

Kick-off 1.15 p.m.

RUTHERFORD

1. RAY KEMETYK
R. STEPHEN BASHAM
2. CRAIG CONVERY
3. ROMAN DUMA
4. NEIL ROBINSON
5. STEFAN DUMA
6. GREG MURPHY
7. TERRY McBEATH
8. ROBERT MORRISON
9. STEPHEN ROWE
10. GARY COOPER
11. MARK BEMET
12. ROBERT GOODCHILD
13. BRAD NICHOLSON
14. WAYNE POTTS
15. IAN MOORE

MEREWETHER

1. D. HOLT
2. D. WOOD
3. T. CONNELL
4. B. FISHER
5. S. SMITH
6. P. IBBOTSON
7. B. KENKINS
8. D. HALL
9. S. BROWN
10. K. WEST
11. W. O'NEILL
12. S. WOOD
13. W. BALDWIN
14. M. CRAIG
15. D. JENKINS

REFEREE: V. Pollock
LINESMEN: R. Corrigan & S. Screen

FIRST GRADE

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

KAHIBAH v GRETA-BRANXTON

1. RUSSELL WAUGH
2. WAYNE DUNNING
3. WARREN WAHLSTEDT
4. DAVID CAIN
5. MICHAEL KNIGHT
6. BILL ABERCROMBIE
7. GREG CAREY
8. WARREN RENDALL
9. RAY STAFFORD
10. STEVE TREDNEY
11. PETER RUTLEDGE
12. PETER BRADBURY
13. GREG BLANCH
14. RUSSELL STAFFORD
R. STUART DRYDEN

1. GARY FOSTER
2. TOMMY REDGROVE
3. RAY SEALEY
4. DAVE CAREY
5. PHIL WHITFIELD
6. NORMAN REDGROVE
7. MICK MARTIN
8. LACHLIN ANDERSON
9. DARRELL FULLICK
10. JOHN COX
11. RICHARD ANDERSON
G. ANDREW THRIFT
12. RICKY TULLY
13. JEFF NEVIN
14. CHRIS JOHNSON
15. ROBERT MAIN
16. STEVEN HILL

REFEREE: D. Kurthi
LINESMEN: K. King & R. Corrigan

THIRD GRADE

Kick-off 11.45 a.m.

CHAR'TOWN HOTSPURS

1. MARTIN JONES
2. ANTHONY WILSON
3. ALAN ROBSON
4. JAMES WATSON
5. WILLIAM COLEMAN
6. KEITH KIME
7. KERRY DEANE
8. PETER ASQUITH
9. STEPHEN BRITT
10. PETER SEMELL
11. GLEN STEPHENSON
12. DAVID HALL
13. ZORAN PAJIC
R. DAVID YOUNG

MEREWETHER

1. R. DeGROOT
2. M. CRAIG
3. T. BARLEY
4. G. DeGROOT
5. D. JENKINS
6. W. BALDWIN
7. S. WOOD
8. N. O'NEILL
9. P. COLVER
10. J. JOHNSTON
11. P. COX
12. J. BOWER
13. B. McDONALD
14. C. HUTCHINSON
15. A. MARTIN

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DIVISION FOUR

The Fourth Division Competition became a real cliff-hanger throughout 1981. The top six teams in the Division were separated by a mere three points after the final Premiership round. At certain stages of the season it appeared that one club was certain to win it. Next weekend, after a bad result, that same Club could become outsiders! A topsy-turvy League which eventually provided Rutherford as the eventual Minor Premiers with a total of 24 points - the smallest number for a Premier in a 10 team competition in living memory!

Rutherford lost points in eight of its eighteen matches. Merewether, which finished sixth in the lower half of the table, lost points in only 10!

Another unusual point in the Division was provided by the Kearsley Club which ended in one of the relegation positions without conceding more goals than it scored for a goal difference of nil. Wallsend United and Technical College which finished just one point ahead of Kearsley had goal differences of minus 16 and minus 18 respectively.

Kearsley, in fact, were very much the "leveller" amongst the top sides in the latter part of the season in a valiant attempt to avoid relegation and provided several shock results in matches with Premiership aspirants.

Kahibah, Greta-Branxton, Muswellbrook and Charlestown Hotspurs all vied for promotion with Rutherford at one stage of the season with Muswellbrook looking near certainties at one stage only to be hauled back into the pack.

Controversy surrounded the final Premiership round with the situation as tight as a drum when Warners Bay forfeited to Muswellbrook. The resultant 3-0 victory to Muswellbrook saw it finish level in points with Charlestown Hotspurs and Merewether but gain the coveted fourth semi-final position with goal difference exactly the same as Charlestown Hotspurs of plus 10. However, Muswellbrook qualified by virtue of having scored more goals - 40 to Hotspurs' 30.

The placement led to angry protest from Hotspurs - to be beaten by a forfeit was a tragic thing and Hotspurs' reaction was understandable. Unfortunately, as the rules stood, nothing could be done. Greta-Branxton and Kahibah, both of whom watched their Premiership chances slip badly in a lack-lustre draw with each other in a vital end of Season match, won their respective semi-finals, Kahibah against Rutherford and Greta over Muswellbrook.

Rutherford found the elusive double, truly elusive, and bowed out after a hard fought Preliminary Final while victors Greta-Branxton proved that Grand Finals can be won the hard way by defeating Kahibah in the Grand Final at Lymington Park.

Charlestown Hotspurs gained some consolation from their first grade's trials and tribulations by winning the Minor Premiership in both the lower grade competitions.

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DIVISION FIVE

1981 will be noted as the year in which South Wallsend finally made it. After two seasons of always looking as if it would carry off a Premiership and crashing horridly in the final rounds, success finally arrived.

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There were valiant pursuits from Tomago Eagles and Cardiff Railway - a very commendable one by the latter after a very poor start to the season. Railway, which finished only 2 points behind South Wallsend, had the astonishing defensive record of only 15 goals conceded on its 20 matches. In a division in which high scores were commonplace it was an astonishing statistic.

Singleton, Thornton Park and Newcastle East all vied for a top four position at some stage of the season with Singleton finally managing to claim the berth in what became a battle rather than an easy target as, throughout the season, the Club had promised much more.

There was never much doubt about the wooden spooners with Elermore Athletic failing to win a game throughout the season leaving Lambton Rangers and Barnsley with the dubious honour of battling to avoid re-election to the Federation. Barnsley, which had a reasonable reserve grade side, avoided re-election by the expendience of a massive win over luckless Elermore Athletic and so created a favourable goal difference though finishing level on points with Rangers.

The other two Clubs, Nelson Bay and Cardiff Workers both were in a "no-mans land" situation for most of the season.

South Wallsend also carried off the Minor Premiership in Reserve Grade to achieve a well-earned double - the Reserve Grade Competition being a very tight affair with only 3 points separating the top seven teams.

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SATURDAY, 27th MARCH, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB United v Preston
DIVISION TWO: Wallsend v Dudley-Redhead
Belmont v Kurri Kurri
DIVISION THREE: Toronto-Awaba v Beresfield
University v Raymond Terrace
Kotara South v Jesmond
DIVISION FOUR: Stockton v Merewether
Marks Point v Swansea Workers
DIVISION FIVE: Cardiff Workers v Tech. College
Warners Bay v Elermore Athletic
Cardiff Railway v Lambton Rangers

SUNDAY, 28th MARCH, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Lake Macquarie v Central Coast Assoc.
Coffs Harbour v Belmont-Swansea
Hamilton Red Star v Maitland
Tamworth v Armidale
Weston v Adamstown
Highfields Azzurri v West Wallsend
DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Edgeworth
Cardiff v Westlakes
Austral v Mayfield
Cessnock BYE
DIVISION THREE: Cent. Coast U. v Garden Surb. (1.15pm)
Cooks Hill v N'cstle Olympic (9.00am)
New Lambton v Lambton Jaffas (9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR: Greta-Branxton v Gosford Rangers (1.15pm)
Ch'town United v South Cardiff (9.00am)
Rutherford v Muswellbrook (10.00am)
Ch'town Hotspurs v Kahibah (9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Kearsley v Thornton Park (10.00am)
Barnsley v Newcastle East (9.00am)
South Wallsend v Nelson Bay (10.00am)
Singleton v Tomago Eagles (10.00am)

SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Central Coast Assoc. v Highfields Azzurri (Graham Park)
DIVISION TWO: Mayfield v Edgeworth
Westlakes v Austral
DIVISION THREE: Lambton Jaffas v University
N'castle Olympic v New Lambton
Garden Suburb v Cooks Hill
DIVISION FOUR: Merewether v Charlestown United
DIVISION FIVE: Tomago Eagles v Thornton Park
Newcastle East v Cardiff Workers
Singleton v Barnsley

SUNDAY, 4th APRIL, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Woolongong v Newcastle KB United
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Adamstown v Lake Macquarie
Tamworth v Weston
Maitland v Armidale
Belmont-Swansea v Hamilton Red Star
West Wallsend v Coffs Harbour
DIVISION TWO: Kurri Kurri v Cardiff
Belmont v Dudley-Redhead
Cessnock v Wallsend
Doyalson RSL BYE
DIVISION THREE: Beresfield v Kotara South (9.00am)
Raymond Terrace v Toronto-Awaba (9.00am)
Jesmond v Central Coast Un. (1.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR: Gosford Rangers v Rutherford (1.15pm)
Kahibah v Greta-Branxton (10.00am)
Swansea Workers v Char'town Hotspurs (9.00am)
South Cardiff v Marks Point (9.00am)
Muswellbrook v Stockton (1.15pm)
DIVISION FIVE: Cardiff Railway v Kearsley (10.00am)
Nelson Bay v Lambton Rangers (10.00am)
Elermore Athletic v South Wallsend (9.00am)
Tech. College v Warners Bay (9.00am)

GOOD FRIDAY, 9th APRIL, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Hamilton Red Star v West Wallsend (1.15pm)
DIVISION THREE: New Lambton v Garden Surb. (10.00am)

DIVISION FIVE: Kearsley v Nelson Bay (10.00am)
Thornton Park v Cardiff Railway (10.00am)
Cardiff Workers v Singleton (10.00am)
Warners Bay v N'cstle East (10.00am)
South Wallsend v Tech. College (10.00am)
Lambton Rangers v Elermore Athletic (10.00am)
Tomago Eagles v Barnsley (10.00am)

EASTER SATURDAY, 10th APRIL, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB United v South Melbourne
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Central Coast Assoc. v Adamstown (Woy Woy)
DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Mayfield
DIVISION THREE: Cooks Hill v Jesmond
Kotara South v Central Coast United

EASTER SUNDAY, 11th APRIL, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Lake Macquarie v Tamworth
Armidale v Belmont-Swansea
Highfields Azzurri v Coffs Harbour
DIVISION TWO: Edgeworth v Westlakes
Belmont v Cessnock
Cardiff v Dudley-Redhead
DIVISION THREE: Toronto-Awaba v Lambton Jaffas (9.00am)
Beresfield v Raymond Terrace (9.00am)

EASTER MONDAY, 12th APRIL, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Weston v Maitland
DIVISION TWO: Austral v Kurri Kurri (1.15pm)
DIVISION THREE: University v N'castle Olympic (1.15pm)
DIVISION FIVE: Cardiff Railway v Tomago Eagles (10.00am)
Nelson Bay v Thornton Park (10.00am)
Elermore Athletic v Kearsley (10.00am)
Tech. College v Lambton Rangers (10.00am)
N'castle East v Sth. Wallsend (10.00am)
Singleton v Warners Bay (10.00am)
Barnsley v Cardiff Workers (10.00am)

SATURDAY, 17th APRIL, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Adamstown v Highfields Azzurri
DIVISION TWO: Kurri Kurri v Edgeworth
Dudley-Redhead v Austral
DIVISION THREE: Lambton Jaffas v Beresfield
N'castle Olympic v Toronto-Awaba
DIVISION FOUR: Gosford Rangers v Kahibah
Marks Point v Merewether
DIVISION FIVE: Kearsley v Tech. College
Thornton Park v Elermore Athletic

SUNDAY, 18th APRIL, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Sydney City v Newcastle KB United
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Tamworth v Central Coast Assoc.
Maitland v Lake Macquarie
Belmont-Swansea v Weston
West Wallsend v Armidale
Coffs Harbour v Hamilton Red Star
DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Westlakes
Cessnock v Cardiff
Belmont v Wallsend
Mayfield BYE
DIVISION THREE: Kotara South v Raymond Terrace (9.00am)
Garden Suburb v University (9.00am)
Jesmond v New Lambton (9.00am)
Central Coast U. v Cooks Hill (1.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR: Greta-Branxton v Swansea Workers (10.00am)
Ch'town Un. v Muswellbrook (1.15pm)
Ch'town Hotspurs v South Cardiff (9.00am)
Rutherford v Stockton (9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Cardiff Railway v Nelson Bay (10.00am)
Warners Bay v Barnsley (9.00am)
South Wallsend v Singleton (10.30am)
Lambton Rangers v Newcastle East (9.00am)
Tomago Eagles v Cardiff Workers (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 24th APRIL, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB United v West Adelaide
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Central Coast Assoc. v Maitland (Graham Park)
DIVISION TWO: Edgeworth v Dudley-Redhead
Austral v Cessnock
DIVISION THREE: Raymond Terrace v Lambton Jaffas
University v Jesmond
DIVISION FOUR: Stockton v Charlestown United

SUNDAY, 25th APRIL, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Lake Macquarie v Belmont-Swansea
Adamstown v Tamworth
Armidale v Coffs Harbour
Weston v West Wallsend
DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Kurri Kurri
Cardiff v Wallsend
Belmont BYE
DIVISION THREE: Toronto-Awaba v Garden Suburb (9.00am)
Beresfield v N'castle Olympic (9.00am)
Kotara v Cooks Hill (9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR: Swansea Workers v Gosford Rangers (10.30am)
Muswellbrook v Marks Point (1.15pm)
DIVISION FIVE: Nelson Bay v Tomago Eagles (10.00am)
Tech. College v Thornton Park (9.00am)
N'castle East v Kearsley (10.00am)
Singleton v Lambton Rangers (10.30am)
Cardiff Workers v Warners Bay (9.00am)

ANZAC DAY, MONDAY, 26th APRIL, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Highfields Azzurri v Hamilton Red Star
DIVISION TWO: Mayfield v Westlakes
DIVISION THREE: New Lambton v Central Coast United (1.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR: Kahibah v Rutherford (10.00am)
South Cardiff v Greta-Branxton (10.00am)
Merewether v Charlestown Hotspurs (10.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Elermore Athletic v Cardiff Railway (9.00 am)
Barnsley v South Wallsend (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 1st MAY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Belmont-Swansea v Central Coast Assoc.
DIVISION TWO: Cessnock v Edgeworth
Belmont v Cardiff
DIVISION THREE: Newcastle Olympic v Raymond Terrace
Cooks Hill v New Lambton
DIVISION FOUR: Greta-Branxton v Merewether
Rutherford v Charlestown United
DIVISION FIVE: Nelson Bay v Elermore Athletic
South Wallsend v Cardiff Workers
Tomago Eagles v Warners Bay

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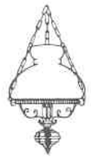

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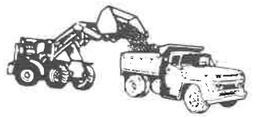

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SUNDAY, 2nd MAY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Leichhardt v Newcastle KB United

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Tamworth v Highfields Azzurri
Maitland v Adamstown
Coffs Harbour v Weston
Hamilton Red Star v Armidale
West Wallsend v Lake Macquarie

DIVISION TWO: Kurri Kurri v Mayfield
Dudley-Redhead v Doyalson RSL
Wallsend v Austral
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DIVISION THREE: Lambton Jaffas v Kotara (9.00am)
Garden Suburb v Beresfield (9.00am)
Jesmond v Toronto-Awaba (9.00am)
Central Coast Un. v University (1.15pm)

DIVISION FOUR: Gosford Rangers v South Cardiff (1.15pm)
Kahibah v Swansea Workers (9.00am)
Marks Point v Stockton (9.00am)
Ch'town Hotspurs v Mus'brook (1.15pm)

DIVISION FIVE: Kearsley v Singleton (10.00am)
Thornton Park v N'castle East (9.00am)
Cardiff Railway v Tech. College (9.00am)
Lambton Rangers v Barnsley (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 8th MAY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB United v Brisbane City

DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Cessnock
Westlakes v Kurri Kurri

DIVISION THREE: Beresfield v Jesmond
Raymond Terrace v Garden Suburb

DIVISION FOUR: Stockton v Charlestown Hotspurs
Charlestown United v Marks Point

DIVISION FIVE: Tech. College v Nelson Bay
Cardiff Workers v Lambton Rangers
Singleton v Thornton Park

SUNDAY, 9th MAY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Lake Macquarie v Coffs Harbour
Central Coast Assoc. v West Wallsend (Graham Park)
Adamstown v Belmont-Swansea
Tamworth v Maitland
Weston v Hamilton Red Star
Highfields Azzurri v Armidale

DIVISION TWO: Edgeworth v Wallsend
Mayfield v Dudley-Redhead
Austral v Belmont
Cardiff BYE

DIVISION THREE: Toronto-Awaba v Central Coast United (1.15pm)
Lambton Jaffas v Newcastle Olympic (9.00am)
University v Cooks Hill (9.00am)
Kotara South v New Lambton (9.00am)

DIVISION FOUR: Swansea Workers v Rutherford (10.30am)
South Cardiff v Kahibah (9.00am)
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Muswellbrook v Greta-Branxton (1.15pm)

DIVISION FIVE: Elermore Athletic v Tomago Eagles (9.00am)
Newcastle East v Cardiff Railway (9.00am)
Barnsley v Kearsley (9.00am)
Warners Bay v South Wallsend (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 15th MAY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Hamilton Red Star v Lake Macquarie

DIVISION TWO: Cessnock v Mayfield
Wallsend v Doyalson RSL

DIVISION THREE: Garden Suburb v Lambton Jaffas
Jesmond v Raymond Terrace
Central Coast United v Beresfield

DIVISION FOUR: Kahibah v Merewether
Swansea Workers v South Cardiff
Charlestown Hotspurs v Ch'town United

DIVISION FIVE: Nelson Bay v Newcastle East
Elermore Athletic v Tech. College
Lambton Rangers v Warners Bay

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SUNDAY, 16th MAY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Footscray v Newcastle KB United

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Maitland v Highfields Azzurri
Belmont-Swansea v Tamworth
West Wallsend v Adamstown
Coffs Harbour v Central Coast Assoc.
Armidale v Weston

DIVISION TWO: Dudley-Redhead v Westlakes
Belmont v Edgeworth
Cardiff v Austral

DIVISION THREE: N'castle Olympic v Kotara South (9.00am)
Cooks Hill v Toronto-Awaba (9.00am)
New Lambton v University (9.00am)

DIVISION FOUR: Greta-Branxton v Stockton (10.00am)
Gosford Rangers v Muswellbrook (1.15pm)
Rutherford v Marks Point (10.00am)

DIVISION FIVE: Kearsley v Cardiff Workers (9.00am)
Thornton Park v Barnsley (9.00am)
Cardiff Railway v Singleton (10.30am)
Tomago Eagles v South Wallsend (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 22nd MAY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Canberra City v Newcastle KB United

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Central Coast Assoc. v Hamilton Red Star (Graham Park)
Maitland v Belmont-Swansea

DIVISION TWO: Edgeworth v Cardiff
Mayfield v Wallsend

DIVISION THREE: Beresfield v Cooks Hill
Kotara v University

DIVISION FOUR: Charlestown United v Greta-Branxton
Marks Point v Charlestown Hotspurs

DIVISION FIVE: Newcastle East v Elermore Athletic
Barnsley v Cardiff Railway
Warners Bay v Kearsley

SUNDAY, 23rd MAY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Lake Macquarie v Armidale
Adamstown v Coffs Harbour
Tamworth v West Wallsend
Highfields Azzurri v Weston

DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Belmont
Westlakes v Cessnock
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DIVISION THREE: Toronto-Awaba v New Lambton (9.00am)
Raymond Terrace v Central Coast United (1.15pm)

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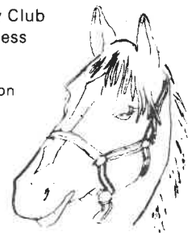

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	Muswellbrook v Kahibah	(1.15pm)
	Stockton v Gosford Rangers	(1.15pm)
DIVISION FIVE:	Tech. College v Tomago Eagles	(9.00am)
	Singleton v Nelson Bay	(10.30am)
	Cardiff Workers v Thornton Park	(9.00am)
	South Wallsend v Lambton Rangers	(9.00am)

SATURDAY, 29th MAY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE:	Newcastle KB United v Heidelberg	
DIVISION TWO:	Cardiff v Doyalson RSL	
	Austral v Edgeworth	
DIVISION THREE:	Central Coast United v Lambton Jaffas	
	New Lambton v Beresfield	
	University v Toronto-Awaba	
DIVISION FOUR:	Greta-Branxton v Marks Point	
	Rutherford v Charlestown Hotspurs	
DIVISION FIVE:	Kearsley v South Wallsend	
	Cardiff Railway v Cardiff Workers	
	Tomago Eagles v Lambton Rangers	

SUNDAY, 30th MAY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Belmont-Swansea v Highfields Azzurri	
	West Wallsend v Maitland	
	Coffs Harbour v Tamworth	
	Hamilton Red Star v Adamstown	
	Armidale v Central Coast Assoc.	
	Weston v Lake Macquarie	
DIVISION TWO:	Cessnock v Kurri Kurri	
	Wallsend v Westlakes	
	Belmont v Mayfield	
	Dudley-Redhead BYE	
DIVISION THREE:	Garden Suburb v Kotara	(9.00am)
	Jesmond v N'cstle Olympic	(9.00am)
	Cooks Hill v Raymond Terrace	(9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR:	Gosford Rangers v Charlestown United	(1.15pm)
	Kahibah v Stockton	(9.00am)
	Swansea Workers v M'brook	(1.15pm)
	South Cardiff v Merewether	(9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE:	Thornton Park v Warners Bay	(9.00am)
	Nelson Bay v Barnsley	(10.30am)
	Elermore Athletic v Singleton	(10.30am)
	Tech. College v N'castle East	(9.00am)

SATURDAY, 5th JUNE, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Lake Macquarie v Highfields Azzurri	
DIVISION TWO:	Kurri Kurri v Wallsend	
	Dudley-Redhead v Cessnock	
DIVISION THREE:	Toronto-Awaba v Kotara South	
	Garden Suburb v Jesmond	
DIVISION FOUR:	Charlestown Hotspurs v Greta-Branxton	
DIVISION FIVE:	Newcastle East v Tomago Eagles	
	Barnsley v Elermore Athletic	
	Cardiff Workers v Nelson Bay	
	South Wallsend v Thornton Park	

SUNDAY, 6th JUNE, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE:	Sydney Olympic v Newcastle KB United	
STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Lake Macquarie v Highfields Azzurri	
	Adamstown v Armidale	
	Tamworth v Hamilton Red Star	
	Maitland v Coffs Harbour	
	Belmont-Swansea v West Wallsend	
	Weston v Central Coast Assoc.	
DIVISION TWO:	Doyalson RSL v Austral	
	Mayfield v Cardiff	
	Westlakes v Belmont	
	Edgeworth BYE	
DIVISION THREE:	Beresfield v University	(9.00am)
	Raymond Terrace v New Lambton	(9.00am)
	Newcastle Olympic v Central Coast United	(1.15pm)

DIVISION FOUR:	Merewether v Rutherford	(10.00am)
	Muswellbrook v South Cardiff	(1.15pm)
	Stockton v Swansea Workers	(9.00am)
	Charlestown United v Kahibah	(9.00am)
	Marks Point v Gosford Rangers	(1.15pm)
DIVISION FIVE:	Singleton v Tech. College	(10.30am)
	Warners Bay v Cardiff Railway	(9.00am)
	Lambton Rangers v Kearsley	(10.30am)

SATURDAY, 12th JUNE, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE:	Newcastle KB Raiders v Adelaide City	
STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Central Coast Assoc. v Lake Macquarie	(Graham Park)
DIVISION TWO:	Westlakes v Cardiff	
	Mayfield v Austral	
	Cessnock BYE	
DIVISION THREE:	Lambton Jaffas v New Lambton	
DIVISION FOUR:	Kahibah v Marks Point	
	Swansea Workers v Charlestown United	
	South Cardiff v Stockton	
DIVISION FIVE:	Kearsley v Tomago Eagles	
	Thornton Park v Lambton Rangers	
	Cardiff Railway v South Wallsend	
	Nelson Bay v Warners Bay	
	Elermore Athletic v Cardiff Workers	
	Tech. College v Barnsley	
	Newcastle East v Singleton	

SUNDAY, 13th JUNE, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Belmont-Swansea v Coffs Harbour	
	Maitland v Hamilton Red Star	
	Armidale v Tamworth	
	West Wallsend v Highfields Azzurri	
DIVISION TWO:	Dudley-Redhead v Wallsend	
	Kurri Kurri v Belmont	
DIVISION THREE:	Beresfield v Toronto-Awaba	(9.00am)
	Garden Suburb v Central Coast United	(1.15pm)
	Raymond Terrace v University	(9.00am)
	Jesmond v Kotara	(9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR:	Gosford Rangers v Charlestown Hotspurs	(1.15pm)
	Merewether v Muswellbrook	(1.15pm)

MONDAY, 14th JUNE, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Adamstown v Weston	
	Hamilton Red Star v Coffs Harbour	
DIVISION TWO:	Edgeworth v Doyalson RSL	
DIVISION THREE:	Newcastle Olympic v Cooks Hill	(9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR:	Greta-Branxton v Rutherford	(9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE:	Thornton Park v Tomago Eagles	(9.00am)
	Kearsley v Cardiff Railway	(10.00am)
	Lambton Rangers v Nelson Bay	(10.00am)
	South Wallsend v Elermore Athletic	(9.00am)
	Warners Bay v Tech. College	(9.00am)
	Cardiff Workers v N'castle East	(9.00am)
	Barnsley v Singleton	(10.00am)

SATURDAY, 19th JUNE, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Highfields Azzurri v Central Coast Assoc.	
DIVISION TWO:	Edgeworth v Mayfield	
	Cardiff v Kurri Kurri	
DIVISION THREE:	Toronto-Awaba v Raymond Terrace	
	New Lambton v Newcastle Olympic	
	Cooks Hill v Garden Suburb	
DIVISION FOUR:	South Cardiff v Charlestown United	
	Muswellbrook v Rutherford	
DIVISION FIVE:	Nelson Bay v Kearsley	
	Barnsley v Tomago Eagles	

SUNDAY, 20th JUNE, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE:	St. George v Newcastle KB Raiders	
STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Lake Macquarie v Adamstown	
	Weston v Tamworth	
	Armidale v Maitland	
	Hamilton Red Star v Belmont-Swansea	
	Coffs Harbour v West Wallsend	
DIVISION TWO:	Austral v Westlakes	
	Dudley-Redhead v Belmont	
	Wallsend v Cessnock	
	Doyalson RSL BYE	
DIVISION THREE:	Kotara v Beresfield	(9.00am)
	University v Lambton Jaffas	(9.00am)
	Central Coast Un. v Jesmond	(1.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR:	Gosford Rangers v Greta-Branxton	(1.15pm)
	Merewether v Stockton	(9.00am)
	Swansea Workers v Marks Point	(9.00am)
	Kahibah v Ch'town Hotspurs	(9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE:	Cardiff Railway v Singleton	(10.30am)
	Newcastle East v Warners Bay	(9.00am)
	Tech. College v Sth. Wallsend	(9.00am)
	Elermore Athletic v Lambton Rangers	(9.00am)

SATURDAY, 26th JUNE, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE:	Newcastle KB Raiders v Brisbane Lions	
STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Adamstown v Central Coast Assoc.	
	Belmont-Swansea v Armidale	
DIVISION TWO:	Cessnock v Belmont	
	Dudley-Redhead v Cardiff	
DIVISION THREE:	Lambton Jaffas v Toronto-Awaba	
	Raymond Terrace v Beresfield	
	Jesmond v Cooks Hill	
DIVISION FOUR:	Rutherford v Gosford Rangers	
DIVISION FIVE:	Thornton Park v Nelson Bay	
	South Wallsend v Newcastle East	

SUNDAY, 27th JUNE, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION:	Tamworth v Lake Macquarie	
	West Wallsend v Hamilton Red Star	
	Maitland v Weston	
	Coffs Harbour v Highfields Azzurri	
	Central Coast Assoc. v Armidale	(Graham Park)
DIVISION TWO:	Westlakes v Edgeworth	
	Mayfield v Doyalson RSL	
	Kurri Kurri v Austral	
	Wallsend BYE	
DIVISION THREE:	Garden Suburb v New Lambton	(9.00am)
	N'castle Olympic v University	(9.00am)
	Central Coast Un. v Kotara	(1.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR:	Greta-Branxton v Kahibah	(10.00am)
	Ch'town Hotspurs v Swansea Workers	(9.00am)
	Marks Point v South Cardiff	(9.00am)
	Ch'town United v Merewether	(9.00am)
	Stockton v Muswellbrook	(1.15pm)
DIVISION FIVE:	Tomago Eagles v Cardiff Rly.	(9.00am)
	Kearsley v Elermore Athletic	(10.00am)
	Lambton Rangers v Tech. College	(9.00am)

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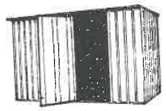

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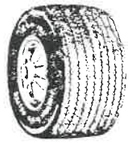

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Warners Bay v Singleton (10.00am)
Cardiff Workers v Barnsley (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 3rd JULY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Weston v Belmont-Swansea
DIVISION TWO: Westlakes v Doyalson RSL
Wallsend v Belmont
DIVISION THREE: Toronto-Awaba v Newcastle Olympic
New Lambton v Jesmond
DIVISION FOUR: Swansea Workers v Greta-Branxton
Merewether v Marks Point
DIVISION FIVE: Tech. College v Kearsley
Singleton v South Wallsend
Newcastle East v Lambton Rangers

SUNDAY, 4th JULY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Preston v Newcastle KB Raiders
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Highfields Azzurri v Adamstown
Central Coast Assoc. v T'worth (Woy Woy)
Lake Macquarie v Maitland
Armidale v West Wallsend
DIVISION TWO: Edgeworth v Kurri Kurri
Austral v Dudley-Redhead
Cardiff v Cessnock
Mayfield BYE
DIVISION THREE: Raymond Terrace v Kotara Sth. (9.00am)
Beresfield v Lambton Jaffas
University v Garden Suburb (9.00am)
Cooks Hill v Central Coast Un. (1.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR: Kahibah v Gosford (1.15pm)
Muswellbrook v Ch'town Un. (1.15pm)
South Cardiff v Charlestown Hotspurs (9.00am)
Stockton v Rutherford (9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Elermore Athletic v Thornton Park (9.00am)
Nelson Bay v Cardiff Railway (10.00am)
Barnsley v Warners Bay (9.00am)
Cardiff Workers v Tomago Eagles (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 10th JULY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB Raiders v Woolongong
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Maitland v Central Coast Assoc.
DIVISION TWO: Kurri Kurri v Doyalson RSL
DIVISION THREE: Garden Suburb v Toronto-Awaba
Cooks Hill v Kotara South
DIVISION FOUR: Rutherford v Kahibah
Gosford Rangers v Swansea Workers
Charlestown Hotspurs v Merewether
DIVISION FIVE: Tomago Eagles v Nelson Bay
Cardiff Railway v Elermore Athletic
Kearsley v Newcastle East

SUNDAY, 11th JULY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Belmont-Swansea v Lake Macquarie
Tamworth v Adamstown
Coffs Harbour v Armidale
West Wallsend v Weston
Hamilton Red Star v Highfields Azzurri
DIVISION TWO: Dudley-Redhead v Edgeworth
Westlakes v Mayfield
Wallsend v Cardiff
Cessnock v Austral
Belmont BYE
DIVISION THREE: Lambton Jaffas v Raymond Terrace (9.00am)
N'castle Olympic v Beresfield (9.00am)
Central Coast United v New Lambton (1.15pm)
Jesmond v University (9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR: Greta-Branxton v Sth. Cardiff (10.00am)
Marks Point v Muswellbrook (1.15pm)
Ch'town United v Stockton (9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Thornton Park v Tech. College (9.00am)
Lambton Rangers v Singleton (10.30am)
South Wallsend v Barnsley (9.00am)
Warners Bay v Cardiff Workers (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 17th JULY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Lake Macquarie v West Wallsend
DIVISION TWO: Austral v Wallsend
DIVISION THREE: Kotara South v Lambton Jaffas
Raymond Terrace v Newcastle Olympic
Beresfield v Garden Suburb

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DIVISION FOUR: South Cardiff v Gosford Rangers
Charlestown United v Rutherford
DIVISION FIVE: Singleton v Kearsley
Tech. College v Cardiff Railway
Barnsley v Lambton Rangers

SUNDAY, 18th JULY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: South Melbourne v Newcastle KB Raiders
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Highfields Azzurri v Tamworth
Adamstown v Maitland
Central Coast Assoc. v Belmont-Swansea (Woy Woy)
Weston v Coffs Harbour
Armidale v Hamilton Red Star
DIVISION TWO: Mayfield v Kurri Kurri
Doyalson RSL v Dudley-Redhead
Edgeworth v Cessnock
Cardiff v Belmont
Westlakes BYE
DIVISION THREE: Toronto-Awaba v Jesmond (9.00am)
University v Central Coast Un. (1.15pm)
New Lambton v Cooks Hill (9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR: Merewether v Greta-Branxton (10.00am)
Swansea Workers v Kahibah (9.00am)
Stockton v Marks Point (9.00am)
Mus'brook v Ch'town Hotspurs (1.15pm)
DIVISION FIVE: Newcastle East v Thornton Park (9.00am)
Elermore Athletic v Nelson Bay (10.30am)
Cardiff Workers v Sth. Wallsend (9.00am)
Warners Bay v Tomago Eagles (9.00am)

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SATURDAY, 24th JULY, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB Raiders v Sydney City
STATE FIRST DIVISION: West Wallsend v Central Coast Assoc.
DIVISION TWO: Cessnock v Doyalson RSL
Kurri Kurri v Westlakes
DIVISION THREE: Newcastle Olympic v Lambton Jaffas
New Lambton v Kotara South
DIVISION FOUR: Rutherford v Swansea Workers
Kahibah v South Cardiff
DIVISION FIVE: Nelson Bay v Tech. College
Cardiff Railway v Newcastle East
Thornton Park v Singleton

SUNDAY, 25th JULY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Coffs Harbour v Lake Macquarie
Belmont-Swansea v Adamstown
Maitland v Tamworth
Hamilton Red Star v Weston
Armidale v Highfields Azzurri
DIVISION TWO: Wallsend v Edgeworth
Dudley-Redhead v Mayfield
Belmont v Austral
Cardiff BYE
DIVISION THREE: Central Coast United v Toronto-Awaba (1.15pm)
Jesmond v Beresfield (9.00am)
Garden Suburb v Raymond Terrace (9.00am)
Cooks Hill v University (9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR: Gosford Rangers v Merewether (1.15pm)
Greta-Branxton v Mus'brook (10.30am)
Ch'town Hotspurs v Stockton (9.00am)
Marks Point v Ch'town United (9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Tomago Eagles v Elermore Athletic (9.00am)
Kearsley v Barnsley (9.00am)
Lambton Rangers v Cardiff Workers (9.00am)
South Wallsend v Warners Bay (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 31st JULY, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Highfields Azzurri v Maitland
DIVISION TWO: Westlakes v Dudley-Redhead
Mayfield v Cessnock
DIVISION THREE: Beresfield v Central Coast United
University v New Lambton
DIVISION FOUR: Stockton v Greta-Branxton
DIVISION FIVE: Cardiff Workers v Kearsley
Barnsley v Thornton Park
Tech. College v Elermore Athletic
South Wallsend v Tomago Eagles

SUNDAY, 1st AUGUST, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: West Adelaide v Newcastle KB Raiders
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Tamworth v Belmont-Swansea
Adamstown v West Wallsend
Central Coast Assoc. v Coffs Harbour (Graham Park)
Lake Macquarie v Hamilton Red Star
Weston v Armidale
DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Wallsend
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DIVISION THREE:
Kotara Sth. v N'castle Olympic (9.00am)
Lambton Jaffas v Garden Sub. (9.00am)
Raymond Terrace v Jesmond (9.00am)
Toronto-Awaba v Cooks Hill (9.00am)

DIVISION FOUR:
Mus'brook v Gosford Rangers (1.15pm)
Merewether v Kahibah (9.00am)
Sth. Cardiff v Swansea Workers (9.00am)
Ch'town United v Ch'town Hotspurs (9.00am)

DIVISION FIVE:
Singleton v Cardiff Railway (10.30am)
Newcastle East v Nelson Bay (10.30am)
Warners Bay v Lambton Rangers (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB Raiders v Leichhardt
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Belmont-Swansea v Maitland
DIVISION TWO: Belmont v Doyalson RSL
Dudley-Redhead v Kurri Kurri
DIVISION THREE: Central Coast United v Raymond Terrace
University v Kotara South
DIVISION FOUR: Gosford Rangers v Stockton
Greta-Branxton v Charlestown United
DIVISION FIVE: Elermore Athletic v Newcastle East
Thornton Park v Cardiff Workers
Lambton Rangers v South Wallsend

SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Armidale v Lake Macquarie
Hamilton Red Star v Central Coast Assoc.
Coffs Harbour v Adamstown
West Wallsend v Tamworth
Weston v Highfields Azzurri
DIVISION TWO: Cardiff v Edgeworth
Wallsend v Mayfield
Cessnock v Westlakes
Austral BYE
DIVISION THREE: New Lambton v Toronto-Awaba (9.00am)
Cooks Hill v Beresfield (9.00am)
Jesmond v Lambton Jaffas (9.00am)
Garden Sub. v N'castle Olympic (9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR: Rutherford v South Cardiff (10.30am)
Swansea Workers v Merewether (9.00am)
Kahibah v Muswellbrook (1.15pm)
Ch'town Hotspurs v Marks Point (9.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Tomago Eagles v Tech. College (9.00am)
Nelson Bay v Singleton (10.00am)
Cardiff Railway v Barnsley (9.00am)
Kearsley v Warners Bay (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Maitland v West Wallsend
DIVISION TWO: Doyalson RSL v Cardiff
Edgeworth v Austral
DIVISION THREE: Raymond Terrace v Cooks Hill
Beresfield v New Lambton
DIVISION FOUR: Merewether v South Cardiff
Ch'town Hotspurs v Rutherford
DIVISION FIVE: South Wallsend v Kearsley
Warners Bay v Thornton Park
Lambton Rangers v Tomago Eagles

SUNDAY, 15th AUGUST, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Brisbane City v Newcastle KB Raiders
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Highfields Azzurri v Belmont-Swansea
Tamworth v Coffs Harbour
Adamstown v Hamilton Red Star
Lake Macquarie v Weston
DIVISION TWO: Kurri Kurri v Cessnock
Westlakes v Wallsend
Mayfield v Belmont
Dudley-Redhead BYE
DIVISION THREE: Kotara South v Garden Suburb (9.00am)
Newcastle Olympic v Jesmond (9.00am)
Lambton Jaffas v Central Coast United (1.15pm)
Toronto-Awaba v University (9.00am)
DIVISION FOUR: Marks Point v Greta-Branxton (10.00am)
Ch'town United v Gosford Rangers (1.15pm)
Stockton v Kahibah (9.00am)
Mus'brook v Swansea Workers (1.15pm)

DIVISION FIVE:
Cardiff Workers v Cardiff Railway (9.00am)
Barnsley v Nelson Bay (10.30am)
Singleton v Elermore Athletic (10.30am)
N'castle East v Tech. College (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1982

PHILIPS LEAGUE: Newcastle KB Raiders v Footscray
STATE FIRST DIVISION: Central Coast Assoc. v Weston (Graham Pk)
DIVISION TWO: Belmont v Westlakes
Wallsend v Kurri Kurri
DIVISION THREE: Kotara South v Toronto-Awaba
Cooks Hill v Lambton Jaffas
DIVISION FOUR: South Cardiff v Muswellbrook
Gosford Rangers v Marks Point
DIVISION FIVE: Elermore Athletic v Barnsley

SUNDAY, 22nd AUGUST, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Highfields Azzurri v Lake Macquarie
Armidale v Adamstown
Hamilton Red Star v Tamworth
Coffs Harbour v Maitland
West Wallsend v Belmont-Swansea
DIVISION TWO: Austral v Doyalson RSL
Cardiff v Mayfield
Cessnock v Dudley-Redhead
Edgeworth BYE
DIVISION THREE: University v Beresfield (9.00am)
New Lambton v Raymond Terrace (9.00am)
Central Coast United v Newcastle Olympic (1.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR: Rutherford v Merewether (10.00am)
Swansea Workers v Stockton (9.00am)
Kahibah v Ch'town United (9.00am)
Greta-Branxton v Charlestown Hotspurs (10.00am)
DIVISION FIVE: Tomago Eagles v N'castle East (9.00am)
Tech. College v Singleton (10.30am)
Nelson Bay v Cardiff Workers (10.30am)
Cardiff Railway v Warners Bay (9.00am)
Thornton Park v Sth. Wallsend (9.00am)

SATURDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1982

STATE FIRST DIVISION: Spare Weekend
DIVISION TWO: Spare Weekend.
DIVISION THREE: Spare Weekend.
DIVISION FOUR: Rutherford v Greta-Branxton
Ch'town Hotspurs v Gosford Rangers
Marks Point v Kahibah
Ch'town United v Swansea Workers
Stockton v South Cardiff
DIVISION FIVE: Tomago Eagles v Kearsley
Lambton Rangers v Thornton Park
South Wallsend v Cardiff Railway
Warners Bay v Nelson Bay
Cardiff Workers v Elermore Athletic
Barnsley v Tech. College
Singleton v Newcastle East

SUNDAY, 29th AUGUST, 1982

DIVISION FOUR: Muswellbrook v Merewether

SATURDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER, 1982

DIVISION TWO: Major & Minor Semi-Final
DIVISION THREE: Major & Minor Semi-Final
DIVISION FOUR: Spare Weekend.
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 11th & 12th SEPTEMBER, 1982

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U/19 CHAMPIONSHIP:)

SUNDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1982

DIVISION THREE:)
DIVISION FOUR:) Preliminary Final
DIVISION FIVE:)

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DIVISION THREE:)
DIVISION FOUR:) Grand Final
DIVISION FIVE:)

One of the more colourful sights of Second Division — the Austral United Cheersquad. Left to Right: Christine Nord, Carolyn Row, Jodie Murphy, Leanne Barrett & Roslyn Turton. Perhaps no coincidence that Australs finished Major & Minor Premiers in Second Division - the only club in the Federation with a Cheer Squad.

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STAMPING OUT THE STOMPERS

Next time you watch "Big Match" or "Star Soccer", take note of the barricades that keep spectators from the playing field. As the match nears full time note the army of policemen taking up positions at the edge of the pitch. English football has come to terms with violence.

In Australia we have a long way to go. The signs of things to come were clear on the first day of the World Youth Cup at the Sydney Sports Ground. England had beaten Cameroons in the opening match. It was far from a convincing win but it was cause for a celebration by the strong contingent of flag-waving supporters on the northern hill. They jumped the fence and did a victory lap. Their action wasn't welcome and the crowd booed, maybe because they resented the invasion of the pitch or just maybe because they disliked Poms. Whatever the motivation, there was some missile throwing which might have caused serious injury. Full beer cans were thrown from on and off the pitch. The level of activity was highest when the phalanx reached the spot on the western hill where Argentinian supporters were massed. But nothing developed. No riots, no bloodshed.

When Australia scored its historic victory over Argentina a couple of hours later, the pitch was invaded once again, this time by individuals rather than groups. There were hundreds of them, maybe even thousands, but no violence. Sheer ecstasy seemed to be the keynote. No feuding between Australian and Argentinian supporters at all.

Where were the police? They weren't really needed that day but they should have been there as a matter of course. Pitch invasions aren't good for any sport, even if they are non-violent.

The spectacle of drunken supporters running round a ground to celebrate a win by their side isn't so disgraceful, but it is hardly the type of entertainment that spectators pay for and, as we saw only a few days later, such activities can get out of hand. The fearful melee between the English and Argentinian supporters after their sides had drawn 1-1 may have had its seeds in the events of day one. It may have been inevitable given the drinking habits of the pitch invaders. It could have been avoided by police action.

Even when the police were in sufficient numbers they could still not curb the violence at the cricket ground during the quarter finals. They were either not trained well enough or were badly led. Perhaps they had overestimated the effect their presence would have on the crowds. Whatever the explanation, they were ineffective.

It shouldn't be necessary to have armies of police to control soccer crowds anywhere. The fact is, though, that authorities in many countries have had to face the hard fact that large numbers of police and high barricades are the only way to deter hooligans and then only where police can be concentrated.

Violence of the sort we saw from a Brazilian official in Newcastle is another story. Officials can be barred by their Federation. They can be (and should be) completely removed from the game.

A disgraceful scene from the Sydney Semi-Final of the World Youth Championship after Qatar had beaten England.

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YOUNG MEN WITH A MISSION

It would be hard to imagine a sport at a lower ebb than our beloved soccer was after the Rudi Gutendorf debacle. Beaten by New Zealand on our own S.C.G., knocked out of the World Cup when we confidently expected to make our second appearance in the finals, we had reached rock bottom.

Les Scheinflug had the unenviable task of restoring Australia's image in world soccer. He was faced with an immediate hurdle. Once it was demonstrated that our World Cup squad had no chance of making the finals, he had to play as many of our youth as possible with a view to preparing them for the Coca-Cola World Youth Cup here in Australia. The hazards were obvious. If the youngsters did badly against Singapore and Taiwan their confidence could be so shattered as to make it virtually impossible for them to acquit themselves well back here in Australia.

Les had some immediate problems. He had to eliminate from both his senior squad and the youth squad some of the selections which could only be said to have been aberrations of an unpredictable Rudi. Out of the senior squad went some imposters. Out of the youth squad went a few of the same. The youth squad did take over from the seniors for the matches against Singapore and Taiwan and they had a narrow loss and a draw. One up for Les!

We heard a lot about the youngsters in training. There was a lot we didn't hear, too. In the early stages at Marconi Field where they did their hard physical training it was normal to start the evening with two hundred sit-ups. Most footballers would find that a tall order but our young heroes faced the task and came through with flying colours.

Then there was the move to Canberra where the team trained on the fields beside Bruce Stadium and played some of the matches on the actual World Cup pitch where they were to meet their only defeat at the hands of eventual winners, West Germany. Ironically, it was their inability to handle the heavily grassed surface of Bruce Stadium that cost them a well-deserved win against the eventual champions. More of that later.

By the time the lads went into camp at Maroubra a few days before their debut in world cup finals, they were a well-drilled lot and feeling pretty confident of doing well. They had every reason to feel that way. They were the best ever prepared Australian soccer team at international level. They had spent weeks training together. The working men among them had a total of seven weeks' leave before they returned home and of that period only about a week was spent in actual W.Y.C. matches.

The first match was against Argentina, the reigning champions! A not inconsiderable hurdle actually and psychologically. The crowd in the Sports Ground to which their match had been hastily re-scheduled when faults were found in S.C.G. light towers was a long way down on what had been expected. Instead of thirty thousand spectators there were about fifteen thousand.

The opening ceremony which involved England and the Cameroons was proceeding quietly when the Australian lads entered the stadium. What uproar! It was incredible! The stands and outer grounds rose as one to welcome the younsters who carried the hopes of their country. If you had been present when the World Cup squad had been booed off the S.C.G. after their 0-2 defeat by New Zealand a few weeks earlier you could hardly have been prepared for that reception given Les Scheiflug's contingent. The tumultuous reception totally disrupted the opening ceremony which, in a way, was a great shame. But to the soccer lover it was heaven!

If one had to choose a high point in Australia's history in soccer, that would have been it. But perhaps only for an hour or two, because the lads capped it all by beating the mighty Argentinian team 2-1 in their opening match, the winning goal coming in the dying moments of the match. It was magic to see the joy of the Australian spectators. Had you been there you would have found yourself being hugged by Greeks, Italians, Yugoslavs, whatever, all anxious to share the joy of the victory with anyone and everyone. It was another incredible moment, the second within the space of four hours.

After such an afternoon, almost anything would be an anti-climax, one would think. Strangely, it didn't turn out that way! The 3-3 draw against Cameroons who had some of the finest strikers of the tournament was marked by a splendid recovery by the Australians who fought back from a 1-3 deficit. The draw against England left nobody in any doubt that our boys were the equal of any youngsters in the tournament. There may have been reservations in the minds of some spectators. Had they then travelled to Bruce Stadium for the semi-final against West Germany their doubts would have been dispelled.

The grass at Bruce Stadium is what is known as "the Canberra Mix". It is green all the year round and contains a lot of continental grasses such as Italian rye and fescue. It is decidedly greasy and puts players in a quandary. Because it is so thick and long, it is hard to know what sprigs to wear. If your sprigs are long enough to prevent you from slipping you tend to trip because they catch in the long grass. You have to compromise. Australia lost its only goal to West Germany just because of that compromise. Oscar Crine, a magnificent young player, slipped when he was under no pressure, lost the ball and gave away a goal. The final score was 0-1 and we missed a penalty!

Had a stranger walked into Bruce Stadium that day he would have been convinced that he was watching a West German side dressed in green and gold. Our fellows really did dominate for more than half of the game. They created better chances than their opponents yet lost the match. Bad luck, maybe. On the other hand they showed their quality and demonstrated that they were worthy of being in the semi-finals and certainly would not have been disgraced as finalists.

Regardless of what happens to those boys or to Australian soccer as a whole, the World Youth Cup proved that we are capable of matching it with the best, at least up to the age of nineteen. We had already proved by our efforts in Holland, Germany and England that our sixteen year olds are equal to the best in the world. In the coming years perhaps we can prove that we are that good right to the ranks of senior players.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF THE SPORT

Brazilian Team Manager, Orlando Duarte, is escorted from the pitch at the International Sports Centre at the conclusion of the Brazil v Qatar World Youth Championship Quarter Final which Brazil lost.

The Brazilian Attache, Alfredo Remedios, pleads with Constable Col Manuel (Ex-Adamstown Coach by coincidence!) that no offence has been committed.

Duarte was later suspended by FIFA.

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WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The N.N.S.W. Soccer Federation would like to thank all those people who assisted with the organisation of the two matches at the International Sports Centre. Many people gave their utmost during the months preceding that Championship to ensure its success. The Federation is indebted to them all. Below is the report of one of them.

UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LONG LIAISON OFFICER

Introduction:

1981 brought the FIFA Coca Cola World Youth Cup to Newcastle. Kerry Thompson, Newcastle's Cricket Captain, was chosen to lead the chief Liaison Officer to live, eat and work with the visiting teams. He chose, as his aids, Dennis Wright and Jeff Boardman, a strange choice by anyone's standards.

Apparently several prominent Newcastle Soccer stars turned down the job. Dennis Wright and Jeff who? was asked when their names were presented!

THE CAMEROONSARE COMING AHA AHA!

Cricket Captain — Kerry Thompson
Longfellow — Jeff Boardman
Shortfellow — Dennis Wright

The Long Liaison Officer, the short red-headed one and the Newcastle Cricket Captain were extremely nervous, downright jittery and a little terrified standing there in the Travelodge foyer awaiting the Australian team. Suddenly a news flash arrived. Do you know Sydney has not arranged for any meals? Do you know the Travelodge Restaurant does not serve lunches? Do you know the Travelodge Restaurant is booked out for this long weekend, the staff are short-handed and the cook has gone on holidays?

The three Liaison Officers made a quick huddle, drew breath and all said "Hell." What was to be done? Naturally, they had to draw on their wealth of catering knowledge. The cricket captain had once arranged a picnic on the Hill during a Test Match, the short one had cut salad sandwiches by the Hunter at East Maitland and the Long One had arranged a barbecue on the flats of Raymond Terrace but it had rained. So there was the experience; what could be done! Why ring Paul Trisley. Yes! Have you read your Administrations and Procedure manual? Click! Short and sweet.

Australia did not love getting off a bus, unpacking, getting on a bus, eating downtown at Tatts, getting bussed again back to the motel. Several things about the motel seemed to irk Australia and one ex Newcastle Journalist was thought to have several times even mentioned something like 'hick-town'.

To make things even more difficult it was getting dark when the Cameroons arrived. The Manager introduced them as Cambodians in his nervousness. The foyer filled with huge dark bodies and an interpreter was missing. Later it was obvious that the young Cameroons do not speak freely in the presence of their elders of high office.

But to the rooms they went after the Long Fellow drew up room sheets for the management. Food, what no food in motel? Yes, we have to bus out to Stewarts & Lloyds to eat. What gracious people they were those from Cameroon! They gave no hassles. It took 45 minutes for them to come from their rooms to the foyer. We no hurry!

The Short and Long Officers now ran the show blind as the Sydney Liaison Officer was forced to live downtown at the Vacation. He was picked up by bus and his suggestions listened to.

The players sat down and the usual happened still again. The Officials were served first!

The Yugoslavian coach looked as if he had continual toothache but it was reported he knew no english and a little french. The Long Officer was sent and found someone in the Club to supply twelve balls for Sunday's training.

When he returned the Short Officer was wide-eyed and bewildered. He pointed to the players' plates. In two minutes the half chickens had been devoured, the bread in the kitchen had disappeared and hands were fighting for slices being placed on the table. Long and Short conferred with the cook. Yes, they can have another dinner of sliced beef. "Lucky they had a huge feast at the Cameroon Embassy at lunchtime," muttered the Sydney Officer!

The waitress was amazed, the Cook astonished, the drink waitress out of a year's orange drink but the players content. Song broke out on the return bus trip.

The Short Officer had introduced the Cameroon Doctor to a poker machine. Sixty cents outlaid by the Short Fellow produced $1.80 to the Doctor's playing. The Doctor pocketed the money and walked away. The Short Fellow followed.

Monday dawned beautiful. Breakfast began. Would Australia be llowed to watch the Cameroons eat? Training was discussed and arranged for 9.00. A trip to the University and stop-over at the I.S.C. to familiarise the team. That was at 8.40. The Long Fellow relaxed over his breakfast. At 9.02 he was informed that training was not needed, they would trot on the park beside the Motel. Thank you, what about the Short Fellow at the field waiting, the guy supplying the 12 balls and the press to watch?

As the players trained, the Doc and the two Officers met the manager of the Novocastrian and discussed lunch and menu.

To make the Coach smile, Bill Despotovic was invited in, he met the Coach and away they went in Yugoslavian. Every minor detail was explained about the opening ceremony. Bill brought in a giant case of oranges, apples and pears. The Cameroons saw them, ran and devoured the lot in seconds.

At 11.00 the Officers led the team across the Park and upstairs to the beautifully decorated Appolo Room. "What's that?" screamed the Short Fellow as the doors swung open; there on each plate were the two largest grey rissoles seen in the history of Newcastle. "Now," screamed the Coach. "One, one." Away went a rissole a piece, except of course at the official's table. Bowls of rice appeared, salads, orange juice, bread and fruit salads.

The players finished. The General Secretary addressed them with what appeared a stirring speech. The players stood and left to sleep before the game. The officials ordered red wine and the long and short fellows remained beside their two mountains of grey rissoles.

The officers did get them to the ground. The players at 1.35 stuck the two lifts on the 4th floor. Australia had left and panic had set in but the bus made it.

The players seemed to grow even bigger in playing strip and they were still as courteous even under the games pressure. As the players were taken towards the Opening Ceremony the Sydney Liaison officer pushed the longfellow forward and said; "You take them, they follow you." Thanks!

The game finished and not much was aid about the controversial decisions. The Long Fellow had predicted a draw at half time based on the decisions and actions of the ref, throughout the first half.

Cameroons are showering. Yes they certainly are big men, most certainly the blessed race. "Wow!" sigh the Long and Short Fellow, green with envy.

A quick interview at the Squash Centre, back to the motel for luggage and away to the Feast at the Building Centre. The Cameroons marvelled at the mixing of people at the tables and loved Australia because of it. Quick translations of the Leader's speech gave great laughter but things settled down.

Goodbyes were said, addressed swapped. "Aren't you going to stay with us in Sydney too?" enquired the Doc as the Long Fellow did not get onto the bus. "Sorry I live here," but surely some of his heart went on that bus.

The Long and Short Officers said farewell. See you next week. Wonder who it will be? Poland? no Qarar! Qatar who?

Cricket Captain — K. Thompson
Short Fellow — Dennis Wright
Longfellow — Jeff Boardman
L.O. — Liaison Officer

CAN YOU PLAY QATAR?

Have you ever stood waiting at an airport for a team of Arabs from a land you have never heard of? Well, the Longfellow has!

The plane pulled up. Doors opened and out came these beautifully dressed Arabs. How do they get their clothes so dazzling white? Stephen Kamasz walked forward to welcome. Corling disappeared through a glass wall and the Cricket Captain went back to open the doors.

The Airport filled with chatting people. General Ali Kandil seemed the spokesman and after luggage was placed on board, the bus headed towards the Travelodge. Ali Mohammed Yousef asked for a car but accepted a Foggs Coach ride.

A Qatarian cassette was played during the trip. Many players sang and clapped. Most newsmen and officials slept and Yousef swung his beads with great dignity.

The General arranged the best rooms and then was sent to the Vacation Motel. Yousef graciously requested a suite and this was found in the Telford next door. Equipment arrived late from Sydney by truck causing disappointment and cancellation of training that afternoon. It became obvious Ruston Baker was running the general affairs of the party and team. The Brazilian Coach was quiet and polite, the Brazilian trainer was a young Professor of Sport. The Brazilian Doctor left to talk menu with the Restaurant.

"Quick they are going to the Reception. Get your car keys Short Fellow. Down six flights of stairs, back up. No, you gave them to Kerry. Down 6 flights and back up. No, see the delegates first. Down 6 flights and back. Sorry Short Fellow they are not going!" Crash onto a bed!!

Due to the rushing and seeking of suitable accommodation for the officials the Civic Reception was missed by the large party. They were disappointed when they realised its importance.

The first meal was a disaster. Brazil had arrived with their giants and the moaning Alfredo. He ripped everything to pieces in seconds, stating every breath that "we are not here to be mucked around! We're here for business!"

Qatar and Brazil arrived for the meal. The Brisbane meal information was useless. The Doctor had been misunderstood, no one ate the food, not Qatar, not Brazil, not the Australians. Alfredo began his wailing which continued only to intensify over the weekend.

The Manager at the Restaurant and the Qatar Doctor faced each other. The Longfellow began to translate slowly. After ten minutes a new plan and menu was formulated. The many ISC questions were asked and answers relayed on. Could you get us a massage table Jefff please? Jefff rang around and one came from Paul Triesley from the ISC. The Motel manager pulled it apart, took it up in the lift, rebuilt it upstairs in the masseur's rooms. "Have you seen Qatar's equipment? Looks like Newcastle Hospital up there!" says the Manager.

The starving Qatar players began ringing Room Service for sandwiches. The Motel Manager appeared demanding $150 for a phone call to Qatar. "Don't worry Jefff, we'll fix it," says Ruston Baker still polite and courteous even when awakened from his sleep.

As the Brazilian boys were eating dinner they were greatly impressed and appreciative of the waitresses. The Longfellow says to Restaurant Manager, "Some of your girls will get pinched before long."

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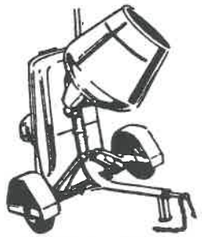

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"That's alright, as long as they don't pinch my wife!" replies the Manager. Several seconds delay then the Short Fellow says, "Which one is your wife?"

Breakfast brought chaos. Both teams arrived at once. The Cricket Captain and the Longfellow served tables too. Translating is fun. More bread, more bread, more bread, hot milk, hot milk with my tea, etc. It was an experience. Alfredo charged into the kitchen abusing, etc. Qatar training schedules were arranged so as not to clash. Qatar to the University - a picture, they loved it. Great loosening up. The warm-up sessions worth walking over broken glass to see. Shooting followed, several long through balls clearly for Brazil, then off to see the ISC.

Qatar officials were escorted to the reception area and treated handsomely by Stefan. The players ran on the ground, took penalties with a masseur in goals. Just a cover to hide their injured goalkeeper.

The Brazilian official kicked the ground and said to a groundsman, "Ground is dry," Groundman replied, "You'd make a great detective." Australian humour wasted.

The Longfellow escorted them back to the Motel. The Cricket Captain and the Short Fellow arrived raving about the skills of the Brazilians. The Qatar's coach said simply "Goals count in soccer!" Alfredo rang again and again and again.

Qatar ate like kings at the Novocastrian. Plates of chicken pieces, pieces of steak (not barbeque with fat) bowls of white rice, green salad and tomatoes, soup and curried sauce (not hot). Bread by the buckets and orange juice by the glass. This was followed by fruit salad and ice-cream. The players left to sleep and the officials drank coffee. The Longfellow gave the Coach a stuffed koala and some souveniers to the Doctor and favourite players. It worked as they co-operated exactly later with meal times, a hassle in a private restaurant.

While the Brazilians ate, Alfredo moved around like a very clucky hen. There were screams of "More Hiss, more Hiss, more hiss." The Short Fellow left his hot meal and sprinted to the scene, "More what?" "More Hiss." At last it dawned, more rice, they wanted more rice. "Yes more rice and chicken pieces," screamed Alfredo. The Short Fellow raced into the kitchen, gave his order, waited, collected the goods and returned to the table. Do you know the player or Alfredo did not touch one spoonfull of that food! The Short Fellow began to eat his steak again - cold.

Number 9 was given a souvenir. Number 8 said the Longfellow liked 9 but not 8. Touchy those boys. The Hunter Valley travel pamphlets were fought over. They had a pin of a kangaroo shape in them.

The Cricket Captain left to captain cricket. The Short Fellow was left in charge. Alfredo swooped. He wanted a photo telegraphed to Brazil, immediately. For 75 minutes the Short Fellow dialed Newcastle numbers until he remembered the Corling swerve, pass him on to someone else. He sent him to the ISC. Pressmen who asked what they would do with him were told: "Give him a can of coke!"

Alfredo struck again . . . thirty seats on Monday morning's flyer, now. Down to station, tentative bookings, delicate explanations about money, luggage, etc. Alfredo had two more phone calls, firstly dinner tonight, also mineral water for the dressing rooms.

The Cricket captain returned bruised and l.b.w. to a "lemonge" from Belmont for "How has Alfredo been?" he asked. "Needs a left and right combination" he suggests wisely.

More trouble, players are noisy reading the 'porno' magazines for sale in the foyer. Manager wants them quiet. Down goes the Short Fellow. There are the players 6'2" and 14 stone. "Now boys, the Manager says.....says.....says. Are you enjoying the magazines?"

Dinner came after being intimidated, confused and abused by the Brazilian party's Alfredo. The three L/Officers served tables and the new menu and setting out worked excellently. The Restaurant Manager began to beam and invited the 3 to the Bar. The Longfellow was asked to work during the Christmas Holidays as a drink waiter. Sounds like a good idea.

The Liaison Officers (3) stayed to 12 and were treated as a family by all.

Morning dawns again. Three sore headed L/Officers stretched and began their day. That Port was too strong. It was good watching that barmaid shake as she made the Brandy Alexanders but the after effects aren't good.

Fordham turns up. Right boys up to Room 612. Tell me all about the teams! Yes room service will send up some cans, good.

Sunday....match day....breakfast was slow. The L/Officers served and set table again. Alfredo had now been found out as living in Australia and he was not feared. He became the Brazilian Oz. One Qatar player was distressed, he kept pointing at his vegetable soup. The L/Officers descended upon the trouble quickly. What was in the soup? Flies, crawlies or poison! No, he wanted two mushrooms like his mate had next to him.

The Longfellow marked in on the Qatar Coach and saw him preparing small paper discs of numbers and dots. No doubt the plans worked against Brazil.

Alfredo again phoned and phoned. The Cricket Captain was dragged from his shower to the foyer to answer the number of oranges available at half-time.

Qatar players ate well at the Novocastrian lunch, no curry this time. The Doctor watched each one and dropped pills into the glasses of water. The Longfellow drank his too. He had plenty of energy that night.

Game Time.....Followers appeared from nowhere and all boarded the bus. Game time and all ready, the Mayoress said that Newcastle had nothing to value the gift received from the Yousef. Must see it one day!

One dropped player cried but that promoted thick set fellow really chased Julio. Half time came. Brazil had just scored, Qatar heads were low. Three minutes silence then the master Coach took over. Being excited, some of his speech was in English. The players grew bigger, followed instructions and scored quickly. Play is about to begin again. Alfredo demands his thermos be filled with tea and brandy for his seat in the grandstand. You must be joking. The game finished. The joy was fantastic. Qatar new cameras whirred. People cried, danced and sung.

The bus was not ready so the players pushed through the crowd, cheered all the way. The trip was memorable. Clapping, singing and yelling! "England next" some Lawrence of Arabia war cries.

The motel was happy. The players showered and waited to see the NBN news. The Coca-Cola Balls as gifts were greatly treasured. The Longfellow received one autographed by the team; presented by the Coach.

The meal was happy and Qatar left the Restaurant. Brazil turned up. Naturally disappointed and ashamed of their leaders. The 3 L/Officers served the meal and tried to laugh with the players. The meal ended.

The Longfellow had his meal, spoke with VaVa about coaching juniors. How good was Pele was asked? Vava replied: "God look over the earth and saw a small skinny boy and pointed at him. He became Pele without any real effort".

Qatar's favourite son, No. 9, sent the Longfellow out for a dozen hamburgers and five large cokes at 11.00.

The manager was worried because the phone bill was reaching $3,200.

Alfredo was still ringing room 612, but the 3 L/Officers were a little tired of him. He sneaked away at 3.00 a.m. Monday.

Morning and breakfast ended. The Longfellow was to return to school teaching. "What, aren't you going down to live with us in Sydney?" asked Ruston Barker. "Sorry sir, that would be too much even to dream."

The Longfellow's wife and children arrived to transport him to work. Yousef pinned a Qatar badge on No. 1 son. A very proud boy.

Farewell Qatar.....Thanks for coming.

Are you going back to live with the camel men?" enquired No. 2 daughter tired of Dad leaving home.

Belmont-Swansea officials Andy Harrower (left), **Sid Smith** (centre) **and Jim Bellamy** (right) **show how to relax (and what with!) at the end of a hard day at Blacksmiths Park.**

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STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Stewarts & Lloyds	18	14	2	2	52	-15	30
Weston	18	13	3	2	52	-19	29
Tamworth	18	11	2	5	31	-23	24
Twin Towns	18	9	5	4	26	-22	23
Adamstown	18	7	3	8	37	-34	17
Lake Macquarie	18	8	1	9	29	-30	17
Coffs Harbour	18	6	4	8	30	-33	16
Wallsend	17	4	3	10	16	-28	11
Belmont-Swansea	18	4	-	14	22	-40	8
Armidale	17	1	1	15	13	-62	3

ALLIANCE LEAGUE

Adamstown	18	14	3	1	48	- 8	31
Weston	18	8	7	4	32	-24	23
Wallsend	18	6	6	6	30	-22	18
Lake Macquarie	19	7	4	8	27	-34	18
Belmont-Swansea	17	2	6	9	21	-45	10
Stewarts & Lloyds	17	4	-	13	20	-45	8

UNDER 19's

Tamworth	13	11	1	1	27	- 9	23
Lismore	13	10	-	3	34	-12	20
Weston	13	7	2	4	19	-16	16
Wallsend	14	5	2	7	17	-21	12
Stewarts & Lloyds	14	4	2	8	17	-18	10
Adamstown	14	4	2	8	16	-22	10
Lake Macquarie	14	4	2	8	15	-28	10
Belmont-Swansea	13	2	3	8	12	-37	7

FIRST DIVISION

FIRST GRADE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Highfields Azzurri	22	15	5	2	59	-34	35
Maitland	22	12	7	3	49	-24	31
West Wallsend	22	14	2	6	58	-23	30
Edgeworth	22	12	3	7	35	-27	27
Hamilton Red Star	22	9	6	7	49	-43	24
Cessnock	22	9	5	8	42	-38	23
Westlakes	22	8	3	11	33	-44	19
Belmont	22	7	3	12	30	-42	17
Cardiff	22	4	8	10	24	-35	16
Dudley-Redhead	22	6	3	13	26	-45	15
Kurri-Kurri	22	4	6	12	24	-50	14
Mayfield United	22	3	7	12	25	-48	13

RESERVE GRADE

West Wallsend	22	16	2	4	40	-26	34
Highfields Azzurri	22	12	8	2	29	-13	32
Hamilton Red Star	22	10	7	5	31	-24	27
Edgeworth	22	9	8	5	27	-17	26
Westlakes	22	10	5	7	29	-23	25
Dudley-Redhead	22	6	8	8	31	-27	20
Cessnock	22	8	4	10	25	-25	20
Belmont	22	6	8	8	24	-30	20
Mayfield United	22	7	4	11	21	-32	18
Cardiff	22	5	6	11	18	-32	16
Kurri-Kurri	22	5	5	12	17	-43	15
Maitland	22	4	3	15	20	-30	11

UNDER 19's

West Wallsend	22	15	4	3	37	-11	34
Highfields Azzurri	22	12	6	4	38	-12	30
Cardiff	22	10	8	4	33	-22	28
Edgeworth	22	12	3	7	49	-21	27
Kurri Kurri	22	10	6	6	39	-38	26
Westlakes	22	6	7	9	27	-36	19
Belmont	22	5	7	10	25	-35	17
Dudley-Redhead	22	6	4	12	18	-40	16
Hamilton Red Star	22	5	4	13	23	-42	14
Cessnock	22	2	9	11	20	-37	13
Maitland	22	1	3	18	17	-54	5

Mayfield Under 19 team finished up the season as Minor Premiers with a playing record —

22	15	5	2	35	13	35

However, Mayfield were subsequently disqualified and the Minor Premiership awarded to West Wallsend after a check of team sheets and registrations revealed that Mayfield had played over-age players in all games except two.

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SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Austral United	18	13	2	3	50	-23	28
Doyalson-Wyee	18	12	2	4	49	-20	26
Beresfield	18	11	2	5	49	-27	24
Raymond Terrace	18	10	3	5	38	-26	23
Lambton Jaffas	18	8	3	7	27	-33	19
Toronto Awaba	18	6	4	8	23	-23	16
New Lambton	18	6	3	9	23	-29	15
Newcastle Olympic	18	5	3	10	21	-39	13
Cooks Hill	18	3	6	9	25	-43	12
Kotara South	18	1	1	15	14	-56	4
RESERVE GRADE							
Toronto-Awaba	18	13	2	3	47	-17	28
Beresfield	18	13	2	3	36	-22	28
Austral United	18	10	6	2	43	-20	26
Doyalson-Wyee	18	9	5	4	40	-17	23
New Lambton	18	8	3	7	32	-27	19
Lambton Jaffas	18	7	3	8	29	-37	17
Raymond Terrace	18	5	5	8	15	-31	15
Cooks Hill	18	3	4	11	20	-39	10
Kotara South	18	2	3	13	16	-40	7
Newcastle Olympic	18	1	5	12	9	-39	7
UNDER 19's							
Lambton Jaffas	18	12	3	3	37	-15	27
New Lambton	18	9	6	3	28	-19	24
Kotara South	18	9	4	5	31	-18	22
Toronto Awaba	18	8	6	4	29	-20	22
Raymond Terrace	18	8	5	5	36	-33	21
Doyalson-Wyee	18	7	4	7	34	-27	18
Beresfield	18	5	7	6	27	-31	17
Austral United	18	6	4	8	24	-22	16
Newcastle Olympic	18	2	5	11	14	-42	9
Cooks Hill	18	1	2	15	16	-49	4

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Jesmond	18	12	6	-	46	-22	30
Garden Suburb	18	12	3	3	39	-25	27
University	18	7	8	3	39	-23	22
Central Coast	18	7	7	4	34	-27	21
South Cardiff	18	7	7	4	28	-21	21
Marks Point	18	6	4	8	30	-32	16
Charlestown United	18	5	4	9	26	-31	14
Stockton	18	3	6	9	24	-37	12
Swansea Workers	18	4	3	11	17	-32	11
Gosford Rangers	18	2	2	14	25	-60	6
RESERVE GRADE							
Swansea Workers	18	13	4	1	45	-14	30
Marks Point	18	13	3	2	44	-10	29
University	18	11	1	6	48	-18	23
Central Coast	18	9	3	6	31	-28	21
Jesmond	18	8	4	6	33	-19	20
Charlestown United	18	8	3	7	29	-25	19
Garden Suburbs	18	5	5	8	27	-32	15
Stockton	18	5	3	10	15	-26	13
South Cardiff	18	5	-	13	19	-43	10
Gosford Rangers	18	-	-	18	2	-78	0
THIRD GRADE							
Marks Point	18	11	5	2	45	-14	27
Charlestown United	18	11	5	2	40	- 9	27
University	18	9	6	3	30	-13	24
Swansea Workers	18	10	4	4	33	-21	24
Stockton	18	8	6	4	23	-12	22
Garden Suburb	18	7	3	8	17	-23	17
South Cardiff	18	3	7	8	8	-22	13
Jesmond	18	4	3	11	20	-33	11
Gosford Rangers	18	3	2	13	15	-50	8
Central Coast	18	2	3	13	9	-45	7

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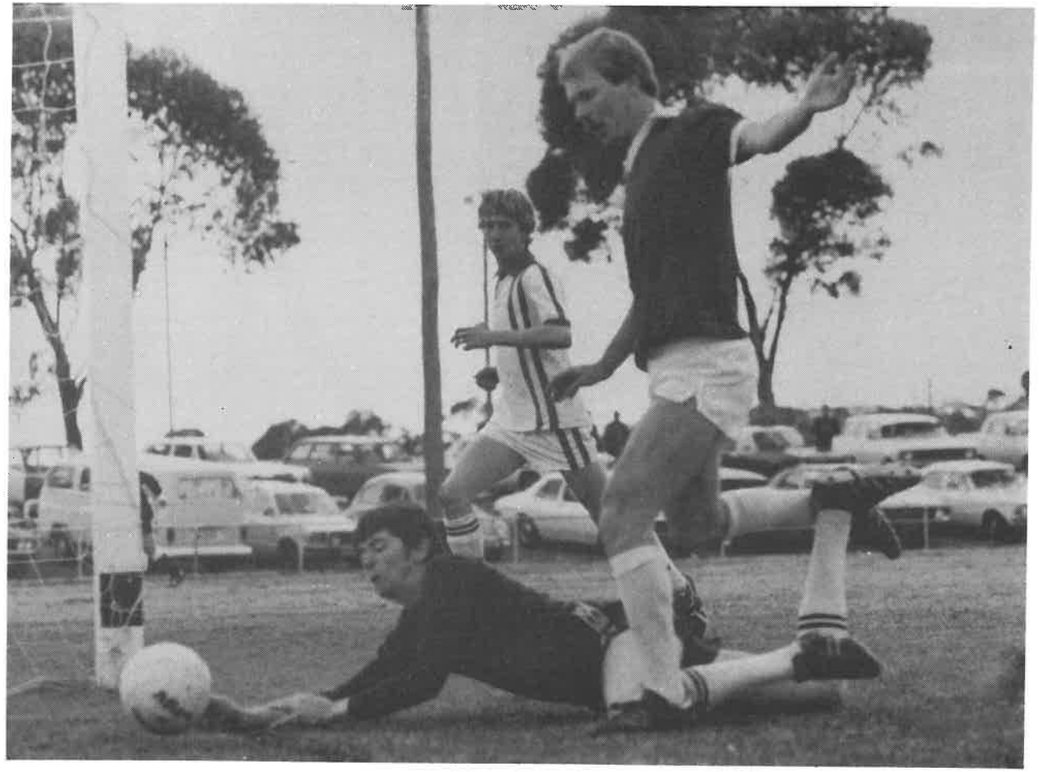
FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Rutherford	18	10	4	4	34	-24	24
Kahibah	18	9	5	4	25	-17	23
Greta-Branxton	18	8	6	4	33	-25	22
Muswellbrook	18	8	5	5	40	-30	21
C'town Hotspurs	18	7	7	4	32	-22	21
Merewether	18	8	5	5	32	-24	21
Wallsend United	18	6	1	11	17	-33	13
Tech. College	18	6	1	11	35	-53	13
Kearsley	18	5	2	11	30	-30	12
Warners Bay	18	3	4	11	26	-46	10
RESERVE GRADE							
C'town Hotspurs	15	15	1	2	57	-16	31
Rutherford	18	12	4	2	44	-17	28
Greta-Branxton	18	12	3	3	37	-16	27
Merewether	18	10	2	6	37	-32	22
Wallsend United	18	8	2	8	29	-24	18
Kearsley	18	7	1	10	25	-43	15
Tech. College	18	5	2	11	29	-39	12
Warners Bay	18	5	1	12	29	-49	11
Kahibah	18	3	4	11	23	-40	10
Muswellbrook	18	1	4	13	23	-57	6
THIRD GRADE							
C'town Hotspurs	18	14	2	2	42	- 9	30
Merewether	18	12	3	3	34	-10	27
Kahibah	17	9	5	3	25	-11	23
Wallsend United	18	9	4	5	36	-23	22
Rutherford	17	9	2	6	32	-19	20
Tech. College	18	4	5	9	23	-31	13
Muswellbrook	18	4	5	9	16	-36	13
Warners Bay	18	4	4	10	19	-39	12
Kearsley	18	3	6	9	16	-37	12
Greta-Branxton	18	1	4	13	8	-36	6

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
FIRST GRADE							
South Wallsend	20	14	4	2	66	-26	32
Tomago Eagles	20	14	3	4	54	-19	31
Cardiff Railway	20	13	4	3	32	-15	30
Singleton	20	10	4	6	49	-30	24
Thornton Park	20	10	5	5	45	-40	23
Newcastle East	20	7	5	8	37	-33	19
Nelson Bay	20	7	4	9	37	-47	18
Cardiff Workers	20	5	7	8	25	-37	17
Barnsley	20	4	4	12	45	-49	12
Lambton Rangers	20	4	4	12	27	-50	12
Elermore Athletic	20	-	2	18	21	-94	2
RESERVE GRADE							
South Wallsend	20	13	-	7	47	-33	26
Thornton Park	20	11	4	5	29	-23	26
Newcastle East	20	12	1	7	55	-31	25
Barnsley	20	10	4	6	42	-34	24
Nelson Bay	20	10	3	7	53	-32	23
Cardiff Workers	20	11	1	8	54	-37	23
Cardiff Railway	20	9	5	6	37	-31	23
Tomago Eagles	20	7	5	8	26	-28	19
Lambton Rangers	20	6	2	12	27	-48	14
Singleton	20	4	2	14	27	-57	10
Elermore Athletic	20	3	1	16	31	-73	7



Beresfield goalkeeper, Paul Walters, foils Austral United's Jim Bryden in this action from the Second Division Preliminary Final at Adamstown Oval.

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FEDERATION REGULATIONS

The newly revised Regulations of the N.N.S.W. Soccer Federation Limited contains the following pertaining to send-off and Judiciary Procedures.

PLAYERS SEND-OFF & CAUTIONS

The following procedure shall operate in respect of all matches played under the jurisdiction of the Federation:—

1. RED CARD

(a) Violent conduct, serious foul play, foul or abusive language or persisting in misconduct after receiving a caution shall be penalised by an automatic 1 (one) match suspension (MINIMUM) plus a $50 (fifty) fine. In addition the player shall have one caution added to his tally of bookings. *(See Regulation No.)*

The player shall be sent from the field of play by the showing of a red card by official referees (or verbally in the case of matches refereed by unofficial referees).

(b) The referee must inform, on request, a Club Official at the termination of the match under what charge the player has been dismissed as in (a) above.

(c) The referee shall note in his send off report whether the Club was informed what the send off offence was for.

(d) The $50 (fifty) send-off fee shall be apportioned $25 (twenty-five) for the player and $25 (twenty-five) for the Club.

(e) Both parts of the fine (ie. both $25) MUST be paid before the player can take the field again after suspension. Any other monetary penalty which may further be added by the Judiciary or Board of Appeal of the Federation MUST also be paid before the player can take the field again after suspension.

Failure to observe this regulation may result in loss of any points gained by the Club concerned, further monetary penalty and further suspension for the player.

(f) The player and his club have the right of appeal against the automatic one match suspension *(See Regulation No.)*

2. CAUTIONS

(a) A player shall be cautioned during the course of a Federation fixture for any offence under the Laws of Association Football which is deemed necessary by the referee. A player may lodge an objection against an official caution on the grounds of mistaken identity. Objection must be lodged to the Secretary of the Federation within 48 hours.

(b) The Referee may record any such caution during the course of play without the showing of a yellow card.

(c) An official booking (or caution) is administered by the referee recording a player's name and number and the offence committed on the back of the team sheet at the conclusion of the fixture.

(d) A Club Secretary or Club Official is entitled to request the referee at the conclusion of the fixture to be given information of official bookings of any of his Club's players and confirm that the official bookings will be carried out on the back of the team sheet.

(e) After any individual player has received 4 (four) official bookings in the course of the season the Federation shall send a letter to the Secretary of the Club informing that the player has accumulated four bookings.

(f) After any individual player has received 6 (six) official bookings in the course of the season he shall be fined $20 (twenty) and shall serve a one match suspension.

(g) There shall be no appeal against a one match suspension after receiving 6 (six) official bookings and the player shall serve the suspension in the fixture following the sixth official booking.

(h) The player shall pay the $20 (twenty) fine before playing again. Failure to observe this regulation may result in loss of any points gained by the Club concerned, further monetary penalty and further suspension for the player.

(i) It is not incumbent on the Federation to advise the Club that the player has received a sixth official booking and must serve his suspension. The Federation shall, however, notify the player's Club Secretary, verbally in the first instance and then confirm by letter, that the sixth caution has been administered to the player.

(j) Any player who accumulates another two official bookings i.e. a total of 8 (eight) shall be fined $50 (fifty) and be suspended for a further two matches. The Club shall also be fined $50 (fifty).

(k) It is not incumbent on the Federation to inform a Club Secretary that a player has received a total of 8 (eight) cautions and must serve a two match suspension in the Club's next two fixtures. The Federation shall, however, notify a Club Secretary as soon as possible verbally in the first instance and confirm by letter that the eighth official booking has been administered to the player.

(l) The $50 (fifty) fine each for player and Club (as in (j) above) MUST be paid before the Club, or player, play its, or his next fixture. There shall be no appeal against this suspension or fine by either party.

(m) Any player who accumulates more than 8 (eight) official bookings in any one season shall be called to appear before the Judiciary Committee who may apply further penalty, bond, fine or suspension for each official booking given to the player thereafter. The player or Club shall have no right of appeal against any further penalty applied.

(n) Any Club playing any player after a sixth or eighth caution, without observing the mandatory suspension, shall forfeit any points from fixtures played in which the offending player took part. The Club shall also be called

Weston's John T. Turnbull

before the Judiciary Committee which may apply further penalty, bond, fine or suspension to either player or Club, or both, as it deems necessary. The Club, if dissatisfied with any further penalty applied by the Judiciary Committee, may appeal to the Board of Appeal on the penalty to the Club ONLY.

(o) Official bookings (or cautions) shall not carry over from season to season. The termination of an official season shall be at the conclusion of the last official match of the season.

(p) A player under suspension shall serve his suspension in the competition in which he was playing when the offence was committee.

(q) *NOTE:* If the player was dismissed in a Reserve Grade Fixture at the Season's end, the suspension carries to the following Season. He shall not be eligible for selection in any grade until the RELEVANT GRADE in which he was dismissed has fulfilled the required number of Recognised Federation Fixtures.

(r) For the purpose of dual-registered players, whether with a National League Club, or a Northern N.S.W. Amateur Federation Club, any suspension imposed under these regulations, or a further suspension imposed by the Judiciary Committee of Board of Appeal, MUST be served by missing the number of matches he has been suspended for, according to the fixtures played by the Member Club of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Limited he is registered for.

(s) Notwithstanding, the Federation recognises that, if any suspended dual-registered player receives a suspension under this Federation's regulations and that Member Club of this Federation has completed its suspensions by missing the relevant number of fixtures with the National League Club or Northern N.S.W. Amateur Federation Club that he is dually registered for.

TEAM SHEETS

(a) All official Team Sheets must be sent by referees to the Registered Office of the Federation by the referee in charge of the Senior (or latest) fixture on the match-day, by post or delivered by hand, to arrive no later than Tuesday in envelopes provided by the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Limited to the Referees Association.

(b) If no official referee is present at a fixture then it shall be the responsibility of the home Club to send the team sheet(s) to the Registered Office of the Federation to arrive no later than the time stipulated in the Regulation above. Failure to observe this regulation on the part of the home Club will render a fine of $20 (twenty).

(c) Failure to observe this regulation on the part of the referee shall cause the Federation to report the referee responsible to the Secretary of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation (Northern N.S.W. Division) who shall be required to give written details to this Federation of particulars of the match in question.

APPEALS AGAINST AUTOMATIC ONE MATCH SUSPENSION
(Red Card Offence)

(a) An appeal against the automatic (one) match suspension must be notified verbally to the Registered Office of the Federation by noon Monday (or noon, Tuesday in the case of a match played on a weekend which has included a Monday Public Holiday).

(b) The appeal shall be submitted in written form, no later than noon on the Wednesday following the send-off offence, at the Registered Office and shall be accompanied by the appeal fee of $50 (fifty) for the player and $100 (one hundred) for the Club.

(c) In the event of a send-off in a mid-week match, special dispensation may be granted by the Secretary of the Federation or the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, to allow a player to continue playing if he lodges an appeal against the automatic one match suspension provided that the appeal fee of $150 (one hundred and fifty) - $50 for the player and $100 for the club - is lodged at the Registered Office before the player plays again.

(d) Any player appealing against automatic one match suspension must appear at the Registered Office of the Federation at 7.30 pm on the Wednesday evening following his send-off unless otherwise notified.

1) Any player who cannot appear, should lodge an explanation of his non-appearance directly to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee by 7.30 pm Tuesday following his sending off.

2) Failure to appear may mean that the appeal has failed. However the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee (or his nominee) may allow the player to submit written evidence in support of his appeal if an explanation of the player's inability to attend is accepted.

(e) Referees must submit detailed send-off reports as distinct from that on the back of the team sheet, to the Registered Office by noon Tuesday.

1) If this proves impossible the referee must contact the Registered Office, the Secretary of the Federation or the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee with an explanation. The referee, or his representative may be requested to give a verbal send-off report on the answering machine of the Registered Office and this shall be transcribed for any such hearing if distance or postal delays are a problem.

(f) The referee, or his representative, is required to appear on all occasions when an appeal has been lodged against the automatic one match suspension. Failure of the referee, or his representative, to appear will render the appeal successful irrespective of the contents of the send-off report.

(g) The Referees Association Secretary will be notified ~~by~~ 8.00 pm on Tuesday evenings that the referee, or his representative is required to appear at an appeal against the automatic one match suspension.

(h) If a player has been sent from the field in the first match on a weekend on which his Club is to play two separate fixtures (ie. a double-header) and he wishes to appeal against the automatic one match suspension, a Club Official shall contact an Executive of the Federation and may receive special dispensation and instructions as to allowing the player to play in the second fixture.

(i) If the appeal against the automatic one match suspension is unsuccessful all appeal monies shall be forfeited. The player and Club will be considered to have paid the $50 (fifty) for the send-off ($25 each) in the appeal monies.

(j) If the appeal against the automatic one match suspension is deemed successful, the appeal fee of $50 (fifty) shall be returned to the player and $75 (seventy-five) to the Club. The other $25 (twenty-five) shall be held for administrative expenses of the Judiciary Committee.

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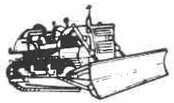

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(k) Should the appeal be dismissed the Judiciary Committee shall have the right to return the appeal fee less Twenty Five Dollars ($25) administration costs, but shall have the right to impose any additional penalties it sees fit for the send-off offence.

(l). The Judiciary Committee may as part of its duties, not only reject any appeal against the automatic one match suspension but may also increase the suspension beyond the automatic one match and further increase bond, suspension or fine, upon the appellant of his Club.

(m) If an appeal against an automatic one match suspension has been denied by the Judiciary Committee, then the player must serve his mandatory one match as defined in and has no right of appeal to the Board of Appeal.

(n) The following alternative is available to those Clubs which have headquarters situated more than 200 kilometres from the Registered Office of the Federation.

1) If an appeal against automatic one match suspension is to be made it shall be represented to the Registered Office of the Federation by noon Monday (noon Tuesday in the case of a match played on a weekend which has included a Monday public holiday) following the send-off offence.

2) The Board of Directors will appoint one of its number or any other person who shall act as the appellant Club's and player's representative at the subsequent Judiciary hearing.

3) It is that person's duty to represent the appellant to the best of his ability and to discuss with the Secretary of the Club, the player and possible witnesses by telephone, all evidence to be presented in defence of the player.

4) It shall be the duty of any such person so appointed to inform the appellant of the decision of the Judiciary Committee as soon as possible and advise the player as to any further rights or course of action he or his Club may take.

5) The appropriate appeal fee of $150 - $50 player and $100 club shall be sent by Registered Post to the Federation Office datemarked no later than 5.00 pm Tuesday following the send-off offence.

(o) Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Board of Directors from approving a course of action to meet unforseeable circumstances not covered by the regulations concerning player send-offs and appeals against an automatic one match suspension, provided that reasonable notification and consideration shall be given to the appellant club and player.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

1. A Judiciary Committee shall be formed consisting of a Chairman, who shall be nominated by the Board of Directors, and any eight other persons, who shall be approved by the Federation Directors.

2. The Judiciary Committee, in hearing any case, shall consist of the Chairman (or his nominee) and a minimum of any other three members of his committee.

3. No Director of the Federation shall be eligible to sit as a Member of the Judiciary Committee.

4. The Judiciary Committee shall be empowered, under these regulations, to examine reports submitted by Referees, Linesmen, Federation Directors, observers appointed by the Directors of the Federation and other persons concerning incidents of misconduct likely to bring the game into disrepute. The Judiciary Committee shall have the authority to impose penalties by way of reprimand, bonds, fines, suspension or a combination of any of them as deemed necessary on the part of players, Clubs, Coaches or any official of a Club.

5. A Judiciary Committee member shall not take part in any hearing which may involve a Member or a player of a Club with which he holds office as Director or Committeeman or with which he otherwise holds a close association.

6. The duties of the Chairman of Judiciary (or his nominee) shall be:—

(a) To examine all send-off reports as soon as possible after noon on a Tuesday and to ensure that copies are available to all members of the Judiciary Committee.

(b) To organise his Judiciary Committee for a Wednesday evening when given notice of an appeal against automatic suspension.

(c) To organise his Judiciary Committee for a Wednesday evening to hear cases involving persons, players, coaches, clubs or officials that are summoned to appear before the Judiciary Committee.

(d) To appoint a nominee to act in his stead if he is unavailable for a Judiciary Committee Meeting.

(e) To be the sole arbiter as to whether any player is called before Judiciary after having been sent from the field of play, or has been guilty of any misconduct off the field of play, or whether any such player shall be called to appear to give reason why the Judiciary Committee should not increase the penalty by further suspension, reprimand, bonds, fines or a combination thereof.

(f) To be the sole arbiter as to whether any such player, coach, club or other person shall be called before the Judiciary Committee to be judged as to whether penalty should be applied for any action which may be deemed by the Directors of the Federation to be likely to bring the game into disrepute.

(g) To ensure that the appellant or aggrieved party or representation, as the case may be, appearing before the Judiciary Committee, is granted a fair hearing provided that nothing contained in these regulations shall grant a right of legal representation to any party at a Judiciary Committee hearing except only at the discretion of the Chairman or his nominee.

(h) To be the sole arbiter as to whether any official of a Club who may have legal qualifications may represent the player, club, coach or any other official at the Judiciary Hearing.

(i) To order either verbally or in writing that any person, player, Coach, Club Official, or other Official including Directors of the Federation MUST appear before the Judiciary Committee to give evidence.

(j) To direct that the proceedings before the Judiciary Committee be recorded in such a manner as the Chairman, or his nominee, directs and such recording shall be made by the Secretary of the Federation, or his nominee, who shall be entitled to attend each hearing for that purpose. The recorder shall vacate the Committee Room while the Judiciary Committee deliberates a decision or penalty.

(k) To request, in the interests of justice in any particular case, the benefit of any known visual evidence and, if required, adjourn such hearing to another time and place to view such evidence. If any such hearing is adjourned to gather further evidence, he alone shall have the right to decide whether the player or aggrieved person or Club shall have any suspension lifted until the time of the reconvened hearing.

7. The Board of Directors of the Federation shall, if they deem necessary, refer any matter of misconduct or action likely to bring the game into disrepute to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

8. The Judiciary Committee may impose penalty by way of reprimand, bond, fine or suspension or combination thereof, on any person, Club, Player, Coach, or Club Official that may wilfully disobey or disregard such instruction to appear or provide evidence of a truthful nature.

9. The required notice to appear before a Judiciary meeting shall be 24 (twenty-four) hours MINIMUM given verbally to a Club Secretary by the Chairman or his nominee.

PLAYERS APPEARING BEFORE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

1. A player who has been sent from the field of play may be required to appear before the Judiciary Committee to give reason why the suspension should not be increased.

2. Any player who has been sent from the field of play may not be called before Judiciary to have the automatic one match suspension increased unless his Club has been advised verbally by the Chairman or his nominee within 5 (five) days of the send-off taking place even though the Club, being so advised that the player is to appear before Judiciary, has not been given exact time, date and place, to appear.

3. Any player so directed to appear before the Judiciary Committee MUST appear at such time, date and place as directed verbally to the Secretary of the player's Club provided a minimum of 24 (twenty-four) hours notice has been given.

4. Any player who does not comply with the instructions of the Judiciary to appear shall be dealt with by the Judiciary Committee as the Committee feel the circumstances warrant.

5. Any player who does not appear before Judiciary Committee when ordered may be suspended by the Judiciary Committee until such time as the player appears before it.

6. The player may call two witnesses in his defence. All evidence to support his case shall be presented at this hearing.

7. The player MUST be accompanied by one official of his Club provided that a further representative may be allowed by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee if he sees fit. Should the player be represented by the club official the hearing will proceed, but the Club shall be fined a maximum of $50 (fifty) for each offence.

8. The referee concerned in the sending off offence, or his representative MUST appear to give evidence in addition to the written send-off report, if so directed by the Chairman or his nominee.

9. The Chairman, or his nominee, may also call witnesses in the interest of justice in any particular case.

10. The Judiciary Committee shall be empowered to impose penalty by way of loss of points to the player's club, who, in the opinion of the Judiciary Committee, by act, word, or by deed at the hearing attempts to subvert the course of such hearing or is guilty of unseemly conduct at the hearing.

11. The Judiciary Committee in handing down any decision as in (10) above, shall make it plain in handing down its decision that a penalty has been effected for misconduct at the hearing and record this penalty in its minutes of the meeting.

12. Any player or witness who finds it impossible to attend Judiciary meetings when requested by the Chairman, or his nominee, should make representation personally to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, or the Secretary of the Federation. In extreme cases the player may be allowed to state his case in writing if permission is granted by either of the two officials

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named above. If a player fails to fulfil either of the provisions in this paragraph, **HE SHALL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL HE APPEARS BEFORE THE JUDICIARY.**

13. The Chairman of the Judiciary shall notify the appellant of its decision after deliberation of each case on the evening of the Judiciary Committee meeting. The decision of the Judiciary Committee shall also be confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the appellant's Club as soon as possible.

14. No party, player, Club or otherwise, or a member of the Judiciary Committee shall have the right to publicise in any manner the decision of the Judiciary Committee which shall be notified to the Secretary of the Federation who alone shall have the right to publish, in the manner determined by the Board, a decision of the Judiciary Committee.

THE APPEAL BOARD

1. An Appeal Board shall be formed by the Federation, the purpose of which is to adjudicate on appeals from Players, Coaches, Clubs or Club Officials dissatisfied with the decisions of the Judiciary Committee or the Protests and Disputes Committee.

2. The Appeal Board shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the Directors of the Federation, and five representatives of Member Clubs of the Federation as set out in these regulations.

3. The nominees for the Appeal Board from the Member Clubs of the Federation shall be either one of President, Hon. Secretary or Treasurer of the Member Club. One must nominate and one of the other two must be named as proxy. No Club which has its headquarters situated more than 100 kilometres from the Registered Office of the Federation need nominate under this regulation.

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4. The submission of the name of the nominee from each Member Club shall be made in writing to the Federation by 1st March in each year or a fine of $50 will be imposed. Should any Club be fined under this regulation, it will also forfeit the right of appeal from decisions of the Judiciary or P & D until 30 (thirty) days after a person has been nominated.

5. The Members of the Appeal Board shall be selected by ballot by the Chairman of the Appeal Board, or his nominee, with State First Division, and Division Two adjudicating on appeals from Members playing in those Divisions and Divisions Three, Four and Five adjudicating on appeals from Members playing in those Divisions. No Member of the Appeal Board shall sit on any appeal concerning his own Club.

6. The ballot for Appeal Board Members shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Appeal Board, or his nominee, as each case arises and shall be carried out so that no Club may be balloted twice before every Member Club from its Division has appeared on the Board of Appeal.

7. Notwithstanding (6) above, the same Appeal Board constituted of the same Members may hear two separate cases concerning appeals from Members of the same Division on the same night, subject to the provisions in (5) above.

8. The Chairman of the Appeal Board, or his nominee must give 72 (seventy-two) hours notice to each Member club of being required for duty on an Appeal Board. If any Member Club fails to present a nominee or proxy on an Appeal Board, given such notice then the Chairman of the Appeal Board may direct the Federation to allow no right of appeal against decisions of the Judiciary and P & D from that particular Member Club for a period of 90 days.

9. No Director of the Federation shall be entitled to sit as a Member of the Appeal Board.

10. No appellant to an Appeals Board may object to the selection of any sitting Member of the Appeal Board on any grounds provided that the Chairman of the Appeal Board, or his nominee, has drawn the Members by ballot.

11. It shall not be incumbent for either the Chairman of the Appeal Board, or his nominee, or the office of officers of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Limited to inform either the appellant or the Members of the Appeal Board as to the other Members of the Appeals Board, what case or cases it is to hear, or enter into any discussions on any matter concerning any Appeal Board meeting before the time and place convened for such meeting.

12. Any Affiliated Member or organisation is entitled to appeal to the Appeal Board on matters concerning them arising from Judiciary or P & D Committee decisions in which case the ballot for Appeal Board members shall be drawn from all divisions.

13. Any appeal against a decision of the Judiciary or P & D Committees shall be notified within 48 (forty-eight) hours of the handing down of any decision. This may be done verbally in the first instance provided that a written appeal is delivered to the Registered Office within 72 (seventy-two) hours of the handing down of the decision at the Judiciary or P & D meeting and is accompanied by an appeal fee of $100 (one hundred).

14. Any Club, or player, or aggrieved party under suspension arising from a decision of the Judiciary Committee or P & D, who has appealed to the Appeal Board will have any suspension waived until such time as the Appeal Board can be convened (other than after a case of appealing against automatic one match suspension - *see section)*

15. The Appeal Board shall have the full power to vary, modify or set aside the decision or finding of the Judiciary or P & D and to set aside, increase or decrease the period of suspension imposed or to order a new hearing.

16. Any reduction of monetary penalty or suspension by the Appeal Board will signify that the appeal has been successful.

17. If the Appeal has been successful then $50 (fifty) of the appeal fee of $100 (one hundred) will be returned to the appellant, the other $50 (fifty) will be retained to cover administrative expenses of the Appeal Board.

18. If the Appeal Board considers that the Appeal was made to circumvent these regulations and to make a suspension ineffective or to allow a player or players to take part in a vital fixture, the $100 (one hundred) fee will be forfeited. The Appeal Board may recommend a further fine not exceeding $200 (two hundred) fine if the Board considers that this was intended by the appellant Club or player.

19. The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, or P & D Committee or a nominee who was present when the appellant's case was heard by either of those Committees, MUST appear to give evidence at the Appeal Board to give cause and reason as to why the Judiciary Committee or P & D decision should be upheld.

20. The duties of the Chairman of the Appeal Board shall be to:—

(a) Appoint a nominee to act in his stead if he is unavailable for any Appeal Board hearing.

(b) Organise, through the office or officers of the Federation, an Appeal Board hearing with the minimum of delay.

(c) Ensure that the appellant or aggrieved party or representation, as the case may be, which is appearing before the Appeal Board is granted fair hearing provided that nothing contained in these regulations shall grant a right of legal representation to any party at an Appeal Board hearing except only at the discretion of the Chairman or his nominee.

(d) Be the sole arbiter as to whether any official of a Club who may have legal qualifications may represent the player, Club, Coach or any other official at an Appeal Board hearing.

(e) Have the power to order, either verbally or in writing, that any person, player, Coach, Club Official or other Official including Directors of the Federation MUST appear before the Appeal Board to give evidence.

(f) May accept, at his sole discretion, the provision of written evidence to be presented if any person so summoned is unable to attend.

(g) Direct that the proceedings before the Appeal Board be recorded in such a manner as the Chairman, or his nominee, directs and such recording shall be made by the Secretary of the Federation, or his nominee, who shall be entitled to attend each hearing for that purpose. The recorder shall vacate the Committee room while the Appeal Board deliberates a decision or penalty.

(h) In the interests of justice in any particular case, request the benefit of any known visual evidence and, if required, adjourn such hearing to another time and place to view such evidence.

(i) If adjourning any Appeal Board hearing to gather further evidence, to decide whether the player, aggrieved person, or Club shall have any suspension lifted until the time of the reconvened hearing.

21. The Appeal Board may impose penalty by way of reprimand, bond, fine or suspension or a combination thereof on any person, Club, Player, Coach or Club Official that may wilfully disobey or disregard instruction to appear or provide evidence of a truthful nature.

22. The required notice to appear before an Appeal Board shall be 48 (forty-eight) hours MINIMUM given verbally to a Club Secretary or person involved by the Chairman of the Appeal Board, his nominee or the office or officers of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Limited.

23. Any person so summoned to appear before the Appeal Board who neglects to appear without prior explanation to the Chairman of the Appeal Board or Secretary of the Federation, shall be dealt with in terms of suspension, bond, fine, reprimand or a combination thereof as the Appeal Board sees fit.

24. Any Player who does not appear before the Appeal Board when ordered may be suspended by the Appeal Board until such time as the player appears before it.

25. Any aggrieved party, player, Club or Coach may call witnesses in support of his appeal, the number of which shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Appeal Board.

26. Any referee, or his representative, concerned in the appeal, MUST attend to give evidence if so directed by the Senior Chairman or his nominee.

27. The Appeal Board is entitled to administer penalty by way of fine, bond, suspension or reprimand to any player or witness so called to a hearing of the Appeal Board, who, in the opinion of the Appeal Board, by act, word, or by deed at the hearing attempts to subvert the course of such hearing or is guilty of unseemly conduct at the hearing.

28. The Appeal Board in handing down any decision due to (27) above, shall make it plain in handing down its decision that a penalty has been effected for misconduct at the hearing and record this penalty in its minutes of the meeting.

29. The Chairman of the Appeal Board shall notify the appellant of its decision after deliberation of each case on the evening of the Appeal Board meeting. The decision of the Appeal Board shall also be confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Member Club concerned as soon as possible.

30. No party, player, Club or otherwise or a Member of the Appeal Board shall have the right to publicise in any manner, the decision of the Appeal Board which shall be notified to the Secretary of the Federation who alone shall have the right to publicise in the manner determined by the Board, a decision of the Appeal Board.

APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Any aggrieved party dissatisfied with the decision of the Appeal Board shall have the right of appeal to the Federation's Board of Directors.

2. Any appeal to Directors from a decision of the Appeal Board must be lodged verbally within 48 (forty-eight) hours and in written form within 72 (seventy-two) hours of the Appeal Board handing down its decision. The written appeal must be accompanied by a fee of $20 (twenty) which is not refundable under any circumstances.

3. The appeal must be heard by the first meeting of the Board after the written appeal is lodged.

4. The only grounds of appeal to the Board of Directors shall be against the severity of the penalty applied by the Appeal Board for the particular offence committed.

5. The appellant may not call witnesses at the Board of Directors' meeting. Any representative desired by the appellant at such meeting shall be at the sole discretion of the Chairman or President of the Board.

6. The Chairman or the nominee of the Chairman of the Appeal Board which dealt with the appellant's case; must attend to give evidence at the Board of Directors' meeting and give cause and reason as to why the Appeal Board's decision should be upheld.

7. The Board of Directors have no right to add to any fine or suspension imposed by the Appeal Board but have the right to such penalties in line with the appeal or severity of the sentence as they deem fitting.

8. No aggrieved party, under any appeal to Directors, shall have suspension temporarily suspended while the appeal is heard. Any suspension administered by the Appeal Board shall stand until the hearing by the Board of Directors.

9. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation Limited shall be final, and the decision of the Federation shall only be publicised at the discretion of the Board.

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1. INTRODUCTION

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2. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

(a) Where more than one team is entered in the one age grade or graded in the one division the teams so entered shall be recognised as separate Clubs and no interchange of Players shall be allowed.
(b) In principle teams shall be zoned in areas (not Divisions).
(c) Fixtures will be arranged to allow a maximum of five (5) fixtures to be played in each area at a venue to be determined by the Fixtures Officer.
(d) Fixture allocation shall be by ballot or as directed by the Fixtures Officer.
(e) The first named team on the official Fixture List is deemed to be the home team.
(f) Points to be alloted will be:—
WIN: Two Points; DRAW: One Point; LOSS: No Points;
BYE: Two Points.
(g) All Fixtures shall be played on the date set down provided that deferments may be granted after due consideration by the Fixtures Officer.
(h) Except in unusual circumstances and then only at the discretion of the Federation, teams shall not be admitted to the Competition after the Season starts.
(i) Any Club failing to complete its fixtures shall be dealt with by the Federation unless an explanation satisfactory to the Federation is given.
(j) Semi-finals, Finals and Grand Finals shall be run as directed by the Federation.
(k) At any Board meeting the Fixtures Officer may request and be granted permission to play any Fixture on any day or night in order to complete competitions.

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4. COLOURS

In the event of two teams having the same Colours, the visiting team must change. In semi-finals and finals both teams must change if there is a clash of colours. Colours registered by a Club shall be used solely by that Club. Any Club wishing to alter its Colours must first make application to the Federation, in writing.

5. SUBSTITUTES.

A maximum of three (3) substitutes may be used during a match, provided that the goalkeeper shall be substituted only once.

6. PLAYING AREAS.

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7. DURATION OF MATCH.

(a) Duration of match shall be:
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(b) Matches shall start at the stipulated starting time. Provided that when a match starts later than the stipulated time, short time shall be played to allow the following match to start at the proper time.

8. EQUIPMENT

(a) All Players must be properly equipped with shirts, socks and shorts, the colour of which must be registered with the Federation. Shirts are to be numbered 1 to 11. Reserves 12 to 16. Reserve Goalkeeper 17.

(b) Each team shall supply a regulation football. The Referee shall decide which ball will be used.

(c) Footwear must conform to the requirements of the Referees' Chart.

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS.

(a) The eligibility of Players shall be defined by the Federation from time to time.

(b) Players must be under the age of 19 years. Eligibility for the age group of a player shall be determined by his year of birth (e.g. a Player born on or after 1st January, 1963, shall be eligible for the Under 19 League Championship for 1982.)

(c) (1) A qualified or bona fide Player is one who has signed a current registration form and is registered as per Regulations of the Federation.

(2) In the event of a Player signing a registration form for more than one club, he shall be regarded as a bona fide member of the Club whose registration form shows the earlier signing date.

(3) In the event of a signing date being the same on both registration forms, the player shall be regarded as a bona fide member of the Club whose registration form reaches the Registrar first.

(d) If the Federation has any doubt as to the qualifications of any Player taking part in any Competition, it has the power to call upon such Player, or the Club which he belongs or played with, to prove that he is a qualified Player according to the Rules. Failing satisfactory proof, the Federation may disqualify such Player and may remove the Club from the Competition and impose such penalties as it may think fit.

(e) No Club shall allow any Player who is under disqualification from this or any other Football Association to play in any Competition or social game. Any Club playing a disqualified Player during his period of disqualification shall be dealt with by the Federation.

(f) Any Club found guilty of playing an ineligible Player shall forfeit all points from games which he took part and shall be automatically fined $20 for each offence. Where any Club voluntarily draws the Registrar's attention to having played an ineligible Player no fine shall be imposed, but any points gained shall be lost.

10. REFEREES' FEES

Referees' and linesmen's fees shall be decided annually. Such fees are to be paid to the official Referee at the time of the match. Each team that fails to pay Referees' fees shall be fined the equivalent amount.

11. FINES

The following fines are to apply:—

Failure to telephone results	$10
Failure to return trophies	$50
Failure to pay referees' fees	The amount of Referees' Fees
Failure to attend meetings	$25
Withdrawal of nominated teams	Forfeit nomination fee, plus $20 penalty.
Offence relative to ground maintenance	$20 each offence
Team sheet in pencil or illegible	$10 each sheet

12. FITNESS OF GROUND, AND WET AND DOUBTFUL CONDITIONS

(a) Host Clubs must advise the Fixtures Officer, the Referees' Secretary, or Chairman of the Appointments Board as to the fitness of their grounds during wet weather, by 7.30 a.m. on the morning of competition games.

(b) The Federation shall arrange for all cancellations due to poor ground conditions to be broadcast over Radio 2HD and 2KO at regular intervals.

(c) In all matches the Referees shall have the power to decide whether the ground is playable.

13. FORFEITS.

(a) Matches shall start within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated time. Any team failing to play its match as set down shall be judged to have forfeited the match and may incur such penalties as the Federation may impose.

(b) A team must field at least seven (7) of its registered players at the start of any match. Failure to do so shall result in the team forfeiting its match.

(c) Team forfeiting on two consecutive occasions without an explanation satisfactory to the Federation shall be removed from the competition.

14. GATES

Entrance to all grounds hosting the zone competition shall be free. Entrance fees to Semi-finals, Finals and Grand Finals shall be as determined by the Federation.

Lake Macquarie's Kerry Caban is foiled by a Weston defender.

15. MARKING OF GROUND.

The Host Club is responsible for all maintenance on its ground, including markings, suitable goal posts, and for ensuring its ground is in a condition the Referee considers to be safe. The Referee shall be the deciding official on all matters relating to the above Regulations and he shall report any breaches in writing to the Federation. A fine of twenty dollars ($20) shall be imposed for each proved offence. The Federation Protests and Disputes shall adjudicate on all breaches reported.

16. OFFICIAL REFEREES.

(a) Each Competition Fixture, wherever possible, shall be played under the control of an official Referee appointed by the Appointments Board.

(b) In the event of no official Referee being in attendance, the first named Club in each fixture shall appoint a Referee for the fixture or fixtures. Failure to do so shall be regarded as a forfeit to the visiting team. Failure by the visiting team to accept the appointed person will also be declared a forfeit to the home team. The appointed person shall take the centre of the field. Failure of either team to take the field within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time will mean a forfeit to the opposing team. The appointed person shall assume the full responsibility of an official Referee and shall be treated accordingly.

(c) In all instances of an official Referee failing to appear, the team sheet is to be clearly endorsed accordingly and the matter reported to the Referees' controlling body by the Fixtures Officer.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of the first named Club in each fixture to collect the Referee's fees and ensure payment is made.

17. PROTESTS.

As per Regulations.

18. PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH

(a) Proof of birth date of any Player shall be supplied by a Club within seven (7) days when requested by the Federation Registrar at any period during the competition.

(b) The Federation will accept as proof of birth the following:—
(1) Birth Certificate or Extract of Birth Certificate.
(2) Baptismal Certificate showing date of birth and signed by minister of religion.
(3) Passports or documents of identify.
(4) Failing availability of the above, extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Federation.

(c) Any team found guilty of playing an over-age Player shall forfeit all points to the opposing team, and the Club shall be fined twenty dollars ($20) for each game in which the Player has participated.

19. REGISTRATION.

As per Regulations.

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20. COMPETITION PRIZES.
(a) Each team competing in Semi-final fixtures will receive $100.
(b) The losing team competing in the Final fixture will receive $100.
(c) The teams competing in the Grand Final will receive $500 for the winners and $200 for the runners up.
(d) A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winners of the Grand Final.
(e) A set of sixteen (16) penants will be made available to each winning team (14 Players, 1 Manager, 1 Coach). A set of sixteen (16) penants will be made available to the runners up as per above. Further penants may be purchased by the winning Club, for the team, through the Federation.

21. REPORTING OF MISCONDUCT.
As per Regulations.

22. RESULTS.
As per Regulations.

23. SEMI-FINALS, FINALS AND GRAND FINALS.
As per Regulations.

24. TEAM SHEETS.
(a) In all Competition Matches the team Manager (or persons acting) shall, before the start of a match, hand the Referee a team sheet containing a list of the proper names and initials of the Players in their respective teams. Each Player's name shall be filled in against his corresponding shirt number. Team Managers (or persons acting) supplying false information shall be dealt with under the Regulations of the Federation.
(b) Such team sheet may be inspected by either team Manager or Captain on request.
(c) The Referee shall forward the team sheet to the Registrar immediately after the match so that it is received by the Federation within three days of the completion of the match excluding Sundays and Public Holidays. Late receipt of team sheets will result in an automatic fine for each sheet.
(d) All team sheets shall be completed in ink and all names thereon shall be legible. Illegible team sheets and team sheets completed in pencil will result in an automatic fine for each such sheet.
(e) The Referee shall endorse all replacements on the team sheet.
(f) When a match is forfeited, the team sheet shall be endorsed accordingly by the Referee and team Manager (s), as applicable and forwarded as laid down in paragraph (c) of this rule.

25. TEAM NOMINATIONS.
(a) All Clubs must advise the Federation of their nominated teams as per Regulations. All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
(b) All teams nominations lodged after nominations have closed may be at the discretion of the Fixtures Officer. All late entries shall be accompanied by a late entry fee of twenty-five dollars ($25).

26. TEAM WITHDRAWALS.
A fine of twenty dollars ($20) plus nomination fee shall be imposed on any Club withdrawing a nominated team after nominations have closed.

27. TRANSFERS.
As per Regulations.

28. MANAGERS AND COACHES.
(a) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of Manager and Coach, for each team shall be supplied to the Federation Secretary.
(b) It shall be compulsory for each Manager and Coach to possess approved identification that has been supplied by the Federation and endorsed by his Club.
(c) This identification is to be produced upon request by any Federation Official, Referee, Club Official, opposing Manager, Coach or Gate-keeper.
(d) In the event of any change of Manager or Coach of any team, the Federation must be notified in writing.

29. TROPHIES
(a) No trophy competed for by Federation teams may be won outright. In the event of any Club winning the same competition three years in succession, the Federation shall present to the Club in question a special trophy in recognition of the feat.
(b) The holder is responsible for returning the perpetual trophy to the Federation Office not later than 1st August, in the following year. Failure to comply by the due date will result in an automatic fine of fifty dollars ($50) per trophy. The Federation shall be responsible for having perpetual trophies inscribed, prior to Presentation Night.
(c) Trophies should be returned clean and in good condition otherwise the offending Club shall be responsible for the costs of refurbishing and/or repairs.

30. TO DETERMINE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION.
1. If at the end of the competition, teams are equal on points, goal differences shall be taken into account in determining qualifiers for Semi-finals.
GOAL DIFFERENCES.
In all cases where goal differences are taken into account the manner in which they shall be arrived at shall be:—
(a) Number of goals against subtracted from the number of goals for.
(b) The highest resultant plus figure from such subtraction shall be deemed to have the best goal difference and shall take precedence in determining positions in respect of plus goal differences.

(c) The lowest resultant minus figure from such subtraction shall be deemed to have the better goal difference and shall take precedence in determining positions in respect of minus goal differences.
(d) Where goal differences are equal, the team having scored the greater number of goals shall be deemed to have a better goal difference than their opponents.
(e) Where goal differences are equal and teams have scored an equal number of goals, precedent will be determined by play-off, the date and venue of the play-off to be decided by the Fixtures Officer.
(f) Own goals. Where a team scores through its own goal, such goals shall be taken as having been scored by their opponent in the determination of goal differences and in the determination of teams goals scored.
2. In the event of a two (2) Zone Competition the Semi-final positions will be as follows:—
Winners of Zones become 1 and 2.
Runners-up of Zones become 3 and 4.
3. In the event of a three (3) Zone Competition the Semi-final positions will be as follows:—
Winners of Zones become 1 and 2 and 3.
Best performed Teams from 3 Zones will be position 4. (Goal difference shall be taken into account).
Positions 1, 2 and 3 will be by ballot or as decided by the Federation.
4. In the event of a four (4) Zone Competition the Semi-final positions will be as follows:—
Winner of each Zone becomes 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Positions will be by ballot or as decided by the Federation.
5. (a) Semi-finals. The team as defined above shall contest the Semi-finals in the following grouping:—
1 versus 2
3 versus 4
(b) Final. The loser of 1 versus 2 play the winner of 3 versus 4.
(c) Grand Final. The winner of the final shall play the winner of the 1 versus 2 Semi-final.
(d) The winner of the Grand Final shall be declared Under 19 League Champion.
6. Five Players will be allowed to be contracted by any Club to play both grade and U/19. However, no Player may do so on the same day unless as a bona fide substitute.
7. Only those 5 Players from the U/19 side will be allowed to play grade football. No U/19 Player playing grade football is allowed to play U/19 grade unless he is one of the five nominated Players on the U/19 registration form.
8. Clubs are allowed to make three (3) changes to their nominated U/19's before July 1st. No alteration to the five submitted names will be allowed, under any circumstances, after that date.

THE HISTORY OF NORTHERN SOCCER

(CONTINUED)

1910 — COAL MINES ABOLISH AFTERNOON SHIFT

The long drawn out coal strike had ended before the season opened. The abolition of the afternoon shift (3pm to 11pm) allowed the soccer administration to plan weekly matches in lieu of fortnightly, in all grades.

There was increased activity in the senior ranks with five entries - Adamstown, Cessnock, Minmi Clippers, Wallsend and Weston.

Adamstown won the premiership after a keen struggle with Wallsend, Minmi and Weston. In the Ellis Cup semi-finals, Adamstown beat Weston 3-2 while Wallsend pipped Minmi by 2-1. In the final, which drew a gate of Fifty Two Pounds (6d entrance fee), Adamstown beat Wallsend by 2-0. The teams were:—
Adamstown: Elgey, George, Wallworth, Harris, Watt, Warburton, Bone, Lee, Maxwell, Russell, Hopton.
Wallsend Royals: Colemen, Pratten, Davis, Morgan, T. Lidbury, A. Lidbury, J. Lidbury, Williams, Downs, R. Lidbury, Parks.

The scorer for the winners was W. Harris (2).

However, the crowd pleaser of the season was the 3rd grade final between two Wallsend teams, Wallsend Royals and Wallsend Mazeppas.

The teams had to meet four times before finality was reached. The scores were 0 all, 0 all, 0 all, 2 to 0 in favour of the Royals. The first five hours or 300 minutes did not produce a single goal. Hundreds flocked to see these two local teams in action.

The two teams were:—
Royals: Rizzoli, Bob Lidbury, Milton, Barr, Chiarelli, O'Brien, Y. Roy, Richardson, Smith, E. Kemp, C. Kemp.
Mazeppas: Dobinson, Williams, J. Robertson, Blair, Wanless, W. Patrick, W. Robertson, H. Patrick, R. Scott, J. Scott, Patterson.
E. Kemp (Royals scored in the 82nd minute of the 4th replay and Smith in the 87th minute. At the end, both teams chaired the Referee G. Mason off the field.

Two teams entered in the Gardiner Cup - Adamstown (holders) and Wallsend - making their debut in the State Cup series.

Both teams won their first and second round ties, but Adamstown fell to HMS Powerful by 3 to 2 whilst Ultimo knocked out Wallsend by 3 to 0. However, the State Association disqualified Ultimo for playing 3 unregistered players, who were "cup-tied" and Wallsend went into the semi-final for the first time. This proved a disaster for the "Reds", who fell to the tune of 10 goals to Nil.

The season ended on a sour note as friction between the "city" and "west" sections of the administration showed a lack of unity.

1911 — SPLIT IN CONTROL

As predicted, there was a split in senior control and two senior competitions were set up in the Newcastle area.

a. Centred in Adamstown area
b. Centred in Wallsend - Plattsburg area

Entries were as follows:—

City Area	Western Area
Adamstown	Wallsend Mazappes
Cessnock	Wallsend Royals
Merewether	Minmi Starlights
	West Wallsend

However, in the other grades there were record entries:

2nd Grade	8 teams
3rd Grade	9 teams
4th Grade	14 teams
Lodges	5 teams
Schools	6 teams

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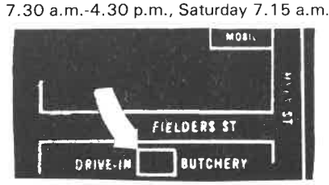

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In the city zone, the final was won by Cessnock, who secured a 2-1 win over Merewether.

In the Wallsend zone, Mazeppes 2 beat Minmi Starlights in the final by 2-0.

State Schools Title

In the 3rd grade, Abermain beat Old Boys by 1-0 while Wallsend I.O.R. beat West Wallsend I.O.R. in Lodges Final. After winning the schools title, the Plattsburg School journeyed to Sydney to win the first State School Title by 2-1 v Birchgrove.

Two teams entered the Gardiner Cup - West Wallsend and Wallsend but both took the exit in the first round. Wallsend were beaten by Newtown by 2-1 while Westy were knocked out by Sydney by the same score.

UNITY RESTORED

State Officials in Sydney were perturbed by the split in ranks. Firstly, State Secretary, Mr. Steve Lynch came North and after a conference, arrangements were made for two State representatives to come North to settle the dispute. On the 22nd July, at the National Hotel, Wallsend, Messrs. E. Perrin and C. Thorpe were successful in their mission. Unity was restored and Mr. J. Harrison of Wallsend was appointed Secretary with Mr. G. Brown of New Lambton, President. Arrangements were made for a Club conference to meet and reorganise the code in the whole area for the next season.

1912 — DISTRICT FOOTBALL PROPOSED

Early in the new year, the report of the Commission was presented to a large soccer gathering at the Broadmeadow Hotel, on the 2nd March, 1912 under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. Mahoney.

The report covered proposals for the future competitions in the Newcastle and Wallsend areas.

The district scheme was proposed under the following conditions:

1. Newcastle - Merewether - Hamilton
2. Adamstown - Charlestown - Lambton and Dudley
3. Wallsend and Plattsburg
4. West Wallsend
5. Minmi and Seahampton
6. Boolaroo - Holmesville - Killingsworth - Young Wallsend - Teralba - Swansea - Catherine Hill Bay
7. Kurri - East Greta - Heddon Greta and Weston
8. Cessnock - Abermain and Neath

There were several minor criticisms of the report and modifications were accepted.

The entries showed an upward trend:

Senior: Adamstown, Cessnock, Dudley, Minmi, West Wallsend.
2nd Grade: Adamstown, Killingsworth, Kurri, Merewether, Neath, Weston.
3rd Grade: 8 Entries
4th Grade: 8 Entries
Under 18: 9 Entries
Under 16: 6 Entries
Schools: 6 Entries
Lodges: 6 Entries

The Executive elected were:—
President — J. Maloney
Treasurer — D. McDade
Secretary — T. Estell
Asst. Secretary — P. Slavin

It was reported that there was a balance of Fifteen Pounds.

From a player's point, the appearance of a former Scot, Jimmy Thomson, a player of very high ability was a boost. His brother, Wal is also a Coalfield acquisition while the former Minmi back George "Tup" Rennix has developed considerably.

CESSNOCK - WESTY FINAL

Adamstown, Cessnock, West Wallsend and Minmi qualified for the semi-finals. Cessnock showed top rank form to beat Adamstown 3-1 while West Wallsend knocked out Minmi by 3-0.

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Two clashes were needed before the honours were decided. In their first match at Newcastle Showground, a one all draw resulted. In the replay a week later, a penalty converted by Rennix took the Cup to the Coalfields.

The teams were:
Cessnock: T. Spowart, G. Rennix, J. Thomson, A. Walker, J. Gaul, A. Renfrew, C. Waite, W. Thomson, W. Faulds, J. Brown, H. Clayton.
West Wallsend: T. Coates, F. Williams, N. Brennan, J. Stewart, D. Sneddon, T. Campbell, C. Lewis, J. Richmond, G. Mason, C. Thompson, J. Harrison.

TASMANIA VISITS NORTH

In the representative sphere, the visit of the Tasmanian team caused interest especially in Wallsend, where the match was played.

A strong Newcastle eleven proved too strong for the "Apple-Islanders and won by 4-1. The Northern X1 comprised: R. Elgey (Adamstown), G. Campbell (Adamstown), N. Brennan (W. Wallsend), D. Williams (Minmi), C. Harrison (Wallsend), T. Campbell (W. Wallsend), M. Lee (Adamstown), J. Stewart (W. Wallsend), G. Mason (W. Wallsend), F. Thorpe (Adamstown), J. Barry (Minmi).

Scorers were Thorpe (2), Lee (1), Mason (1).

Referee was Mr. M. Symes.

1913 — FURTHER GROWTH

Entries for the 1913 competitions showed a big increase. In the 1st grade 6; 2nd grade 10; 3rd grade 20; U/18 8.

The visit of the Queenslanders to Newcastle in June produced a gate of Fifty Seven Pounds and a 2-1 win for Newcastle. The local eleven were Ab. Elliott (Merewether), F. Williams (W. Wallsend), J. Thompson (Cessnock), Capt. D. Williams (Minmi), R. Sneddon (W. Wallsend), G. Barr (Minmi), W. Acres (W. Wallsend), F. Watson (Merewether), J. Hansen (Merewether), J. Clarke (Cessnock), J. Harrison (W. Wallsend), A Sydney Referee, Mr. J.F. Black was in charge and made a good impression.

When the Sydney authorities rejected Queensland's invitation for a return visit in 3 months time, the Northern officials sought and secured permission to invite the combined Newcastle X1 to tour in September for a 3 match tour.

The invitation was accepted and a strong combination was chosen for the trip. It included:— R. Elgey (Cessnock), F. Williams (W. Wallsend), J. Thomson (Cessnock), Capt. C. Pickersgill (Merewether), W. Stoker (Weston), T. Campbell (W. Wallsend), W. Brown (Cessnock), N. Lee (Merewether), F. Watson (Merewether), D. Johnstone (Killingsworth), W. Thomson (Cessnock), J. Cook (Minmi), J. Cuthbert (W. Wallsend).

Four days prior to the proposed date of departure, the Sydney officials cancelled permission. Such a sudden, high handed action brought caustic criticisms from the Northern Secretary, Mr. Dave Johnstone. He threatened legal action to recover over One Hundred Pounds spent in tour preparations.

In the premiership final, West Wallsend narrowly defeated Merewether by 2-1 after 2 draws (2 all and 1 all) - 270 minutes play before a decision was reached. The teams were:

West Wallsend: Sneddon, Knudson, Williams, Sneddon, Campbell, Stewart, Acres, Sinclair, Cuthbert, Simpson, Gardiner.
Merewether: Elliott, Doyle, Johnson, Pickersgill, Sneddon, Loveday, Gray, Thorpe, Lee, Alberts, Watson.

In the Ellis Cup final, Merewether was more successful and downed Weston by 2-1 at Holmesville. The teams were:

Merewether: Elliott, Doyle, Johnson, Loveday, Sneddon, Stewart, Pickersgill, Watson, Alberts, Thorpe, Gray.
Weston: Bowie, Hindmarsh, Gilmour, Williams, Cameron, Stoker, Tickle, Kidd, McNaughton, Mather, Tweddale.

In the 2nd Grade Final, Merewether 4 beat Kurri 2 - the losers lost their goalie J. Swarbrick in the 3rd minute. The referee refused permission to field a substitute.

In the 3rd Grade Final, Minmi 2 beat Cessnock 1, while in the U/18 Wallsend and West Wallsend played three successive draws all one all.

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1914 — FORMATION OF REFEREES ASSOCIATION

At the Annual Meeting held at Wallsend on the 24th January, 1914, Secretary elect D. Johnstone, recommended the formation of a Management Committee to enable important decisions to be made quicker. This was agreed.

Another innovation was the formation of a Referees Association with Mr. T. Crawford (W. Wallsend) and T. Durie (Wallsend) as delegates.

It was decided that the Examination Committee to test potential Referees be comprised of Messrs. T. Crawford, J. Sanderson and R. Skillings.

In the four grades, 38 entries were received.

Newcastle secured only one representative in a 15 player party, which toured Queensland in June. The selected player was Jimmy Thomson of Cessnock. After the tour, Brisbane pressmen rated Thomson as "the find of a decade".

In the interdistrict game in Sydney, the Newcastle X1 went down by 3-2. The Northern X1 included: J. Sneddon (W. Wallsend), F. Williams (W. Wallsend), J. Thomson (Cessnock), Capt. C. Pickersgill (Merewether), J. Sneddon (Merewether), J. Stoker (Weston), D. Clarke (Weston), J. Thorpe (Merewether), F. Alberts (Merewether), F. Watson (Merewether), J. Clarke (Cessnock).

At the end of the premiership series, the table stood at Weston 10 pts., Merewether 9 pts., W. Wallsend 8 pts., Cessnock 6 pts., Wallsend 1 pt.

In the final Merewether beat Weston by 1-0. The "Geordies" fielded several new arrivals from overseas, one such player was Bill Lambert and Jim Bellamy, Jim Laird, while Adam Ramage proved a dour defender. The sole goal was netted by J. Thorpe, who played formerly in the Metropolitis with H.M.S. Powerful.

"WAR"

Then the month of August brought war clouds right across the Empire.

Like the two opposition codes Rugby Union and Rugby League, soccer players rushed to the recruiting depots.

However, the season was completed before the A.I.F. sailed overseas. In the Gardiner Cup, a record number of 5 teams from the North entered - Merewether, West Wallsend, Cessnock, Wallsend & Weston. Merewether were beaten finalists, going down to Granville by 3-1. Four of Merewether players had enlisted and were in a Sydney camp. Short leave was granted to play in the final but their absences disrupted Merewether's training plans.

Of the other Northern contenders, Wallsend went out in the first round: West Wallsend lost to Weston in the 2nd round: Cessnock was dismissed in the 2nd round. Weston beat Holyrod in the 3rd round but went down to Granville in the semi-final by 3-2.

1915

There had been many changes before the Annual Meeting was held early in February, 1915.

The executive elected was:
President — Mr. T. McBlane
Secretary — Mr. T.D. Johnstone
Treasurer — Mr. R. Skillings

The war caused many problems but delegates decided to continue with competitions.

The strong Weston club lost five star players to West Wallsend. This group included W. Lambert, J. Mather, D. Clarke, A. Ramage and J. Gilmour owing to lack of decision by the Weston Management Committee. In consequence, Weston only entered a 2nd grade side.

Two interdistrict games were played against Sydney, while in June, Queensland met Newcastle and lost by 2-1. Goal scorers were Clarke and Pickersgill for Newcastle and Burns for Queensland.

Both games against Sydney ended in draws - 2 all in Newcastle and 0 all in the return match in Sydney.

The Newcastle X1 were (in Newcastle): G. Jones, F. Williams, J. Thomson, C. Pickersgill, J. Lair, P. Coppock, J. Thorpe, F. Alberts, J. Gilmour, J. Bellamy, D. Clarke.

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In the return game in Sydney, three changes were made - C. Knudson, for J. Thomson, W. Lambert for J. Bellamy and R. Ramage for E. Williams.

In the Premiership Final for the Ellis Cup, Merewether beat West Wallsend by 3-2 on the R.L. Ground at Broadmeadow.

In the Kerr Cup for the Premiership Final, Merewether outed Cessnock by 2-1.

Of great interest was the final of the 2nd grade between Weston and Adamstown. Over 1500 saw the Coalfields run out winners by 5-2. The teams were:

Weston: Bob Austen, W. Hindmarsh, J. Henry, R. Austen, J. Sneddon, J. Duxfield, J. Avis, H. Bellamy, W. Beveridge, W. Veitch, J. Bellamy.
Adamstown: B. Elgey, Stewart, Arthur, Beeton, Harrison, Hopton, Coates, Robinson, Cameron, Lewis, Cunningham.
Scorers for Weston were Avis (2), J. Bellamy (2), W. Beveridge (1). Adamstown's scorers were Cameron (1), C. Lewis (1).

For the State Cup, five clubs entered viz. Merewether, West Wallsend, Wallsend, Cessnock and Newcastle United.

WAR TIME CUP FINAL

West Wallsend by beating Granville in the semi-final replay by 2-1 after a 2 all draw, entered the final against Balmain.

It was the first war time cup final and Balmain ran out winners by 2-0. West Wallsend X1 were: J. Sneddon, F. Williams, C. Knudson, A. Ramage, R. Sneddon, J. Mather, D. Clarke, C. Lewis, W. Lambert, J. Gilmour, T. Coates.

1916

Season 1916 saw the World War move into its 3rd year. All sections of the community had to make sacrifices to bring victory.

In the North, there were continual heavy enlistment of manpower. The Association under Secretary Ted Masterson had to face such a problem.

The full delegate meeting found a very suitable solution and the code was kept alive bearing in mind the need to help the war effort at every angle.

It was decided that the top competition be termed an "all aged" Premiership and an U/18 series.

Each entrant in the top circle was allowed 4 "regular" senior players plus seven former juniors. Blackburn Oval near the Junction was the central ground and many important matches were staged there.

Nine entries for the " all aged" series were received viz Boolaroo, Cessnock, Kurri, Merewether "A", Merewether "B", Newcastle, Wallsend, Wallsend Rovers, Weston "A" and Weston "B".

In the U/18 grade there were 10 entries from Abermain, Boolaroo, Cessnock, Chookies, East Greta, Kurri, Merewether, Rovers, Wallsend Rovers and Merewether Stirling.

In the top circle, Weston "A", Weston "B", Newcastle and Wallsend qualified for the semi-finals.

Weston "A" beat Newcastle by 1-0, while Weston "B" beat Wallsend 2-0.

The all Weston final was played on a Homestead under referee J. Sanderson. It ended in a scoreless draw but it gave plenty of action to 1200 fans.

In the replay at Blackburn Oval - the "A" team had 3 changes - Bob Austen in goal, J. Avis replaced Austen at centre and Tweddle replaced Beverley on right wing. The "B" side replaced Davis with Hancock.

A goal by Jack Avis in the second half gave his team the Ellis Cup.

WAR FUND APPEAL

Two interdistrict games between South Maitland and Newcastle were staged and profits going to the War Fund Appeals. In the Newcastle game, South Maitland won by 4-1, but in the return game at Weston, Newcastle avenged with a 3-1 win.

Another representative match of vital importance was played in Newcastle between Newcastle X1 v 30th Battalion X1. The "Diggers" won by 4-3. Many sailed for overseas the week after to experience the hardships of trench warfare in Northern France. The season had been a successful one - far more so than anticipated.

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1917 — ENLISTMENT DRAG

When club delegates assembled for the Annual Meeting, many reported depleted playing lists owing to constant enlistments. Merewether reported 55 members on active service; Kurri 37; Cessnock 33; Wallsend 19; Adamstown 19; West Wallsend 15 and Weston 14. Other clubs were also affected.

It was decided to continue the "All Aged" system during 1917. There were 8 entries viz: Cessnock, Merewether, New Lambton, Wallsend, West Wallsend, Weston Albions, Weston Magpies, Young Wallsend.

A full series of 14 matches were played and the points scores read, West Wallsend 20, Weston Albion 20, Wallsend 19, Weston Magpies 18, Young Wallsend 16, Cessnock 10, Merewether 6, New Lambton 3.

The semi-finals drew improved crowds and the finances of the association were placed on a sound footing.

In the first semi-final, the Young Wallsend eleven beat West Wallsend by 2-1.

The other semi-final between Weston Albion and Weston Magpies with both teams from Weston. The clash fired the imagination of coalfielders, who after 4 years of war time conditions, were keen to support any sporting event. Over 4000 congregated at the Abermain Sports Ground. The crowd proved too much for the officials and only 40% paid the 6d admission fee.

It proved a day of sensations. After 80 minutes hectic play the scores stood at 1 all. In a goal-mouth struggle a Magpie forward was punched by an opponent and knocked cold. The crowd immediately rushed through the ropes and attacked several Albion players. Word was flashed to a nearby group of mounted police, who were stationed at the Abermain No. 1 Colliery, where over 50 loyalists were hewing coal as all miners were on strike. As soon as the police entered, they rushed the field and within 5 minutes it was cleared. Referee J. Sanderson, who showed commendable courage, ordered both teams back to complete the match. The scores remained at 1 all. McNaughton scored for Albions and Jim Bellamy for Magpies.

The replay was at Blackburn Oval and the Albions won by 3-0. Avis scoring 2 brilliant goals. Team changes in the replay were - Taylor for Wake for Albions, Patterson and Lynch for Barker and Corrigan for Magpies.

For the final on 27th October, at Blackburn we saw both Wallsend and Albions unchanged. Wallsend won by 2-0, both goals being scored by Bert Manifield who later donned clerical cloth for the Methodist faith.

Wallsend's tactics of moving the ball quickly from wing to wing gradually wore down the Coalfielders who were still suffering from the two semi-final clashes.

It should be recorded that the second grade attracted 10 entries. In the final, Adamstown beat Wallsend Rovers by 2-0.

The Gardiner Cup was abandoned for the second season. In the place of these cup ties, two interdistrict games between Newcastle and South Maitland were staged and proved real crowd pleasers. The first at Blackburn Oval in July, the coalfields ran out winners by 2-1. The gate of Seventy Two Pounds, was donated to Patriotic funds.

South Maitland won the return match at Weston on 10th November.

The District Secretary, Mr. Larry Tamlyn, attended the meeting of the State Association to prepare for the next season.

1918

Mr. Tamlyn, who has become a great power in Northern Soccer won the day in his trip South. He was instrumental in making 2 vital gains.

1. Persuaded the State Association to again stage the Gardiner Cup series for state knock-out supremacy.
2. Secured the right for Sydney Clubs to nominate in the Kerr Cup, which was the local K.O. series.

The war still dragged on but sport relieved the pressure on the population. Tamlyn also won the right for Northern Clubs for Gardiner Cup matches to field all senior players - this was essential as in the local premiership teams were only allowed 4 seniors in their all aged series. Strange, but this concession formed the basis of a protest when the final was won by Weston.

Back to local happenings, owing to travelling difficulties, South Maitland clubs conducted a separate group of competitions. The entries were:

NEWCASTLE ZONE: Adamstown, Merewether, Wallsend, West Wallsend, Young Wallsend.

SOUTH MAITLAND ZONE: Abermain, Cessnock No. 1, Cessnock No. 2, Hebburn, Greta, Weston.

The figures for other grades reflected the growth of soccer in outlying areas:—

GRADE	NEWCASTLE	STH. MAITLAND	TOTAL
All Aged	5	6	11
3rd Grade	10	6	16
Under 18 yrs.	9	4	13
Under 16 yrs.	6	10	16
	30	26	56

Four Sydney teams entered the Kerr Cup - viz Balmain Fernleigh, Balmain Kiora, Pyrmont and Canterbury. Locals were Adamstown, Boolaroo, Minmi, Teralba, Wallsend, West Wallsend and Woodpeckers.

For the Gardiner Cup, five northern teams entered along with six from Sydney. Cessnock, Adamstown, West Wallsend, Weston and Wallsend represented the North in the first State Cup series since 1915.

Now to the All Aged Competition. Adamstown, Wallsend, West Wallsend and Young Wallsend entered the semi-finals. Adamstown beat West Wallsend by 3 to 1 after a 1 all draw. Of great interest, is that Bill "Podge" Maunders was on the right wing in the first match. In the other semi-final Wallsend easily accounted for its near rivals, Young Wallsend by 4-1.

The final between Wallsend and Adamstown, proved to be one of the roughest on record. Players were continually warned and at the end, Wallsend won by 4-0.

On the Coalfields, Weston was the winner with 7 wins and a draw from 8 games. Weston beat Cessnock by 2-0 in the Hemmings Cup final.

With the infusion of strong teams from the capital, the Kerr Cup series was the best ever and big crowds enjoyed the inter-city flavour. In the first semi-final, Wallsend knocked out Pyrmont by 2-0. While West Wallsend caused a real sensation by beating Balmain Fernleigh by 3-1. The final at West Wallsend drew a record crowd and the locals outpaced Wallsend to the tune of 4-0 - Tommy Coates (2), Dick Sneddon and N. Convery did the scoring.

Now to the Gardiner Cup. The defeat of Adamstown by West Wallsend by 4-3 saw 4 Northern teams enter the 2nd round. Cessnock outed the favourites West Wallsend by 1-0. Weston ran up 5-1 against Wallsend. However, this game was ordered by the Sydney authorities to be replayed.

Weston again won but by only 1-0. Qualified for the semi-finals were Cessnock, Weston, Pyrmont and Balmain Kiora. Coalfields predicted a coalfields final, but the draw saw its two teams drawn together. In one of the best cup ties ever seen in the north, Weston won its way to the final by 3-1.

Down south, Balmain Kiora and Pyrmont had to meet thrice before the former won - scores were 1 all, 3 all and 4 to 1.

PEACE

On a bleak afternoon at Epping Racecourse, Weston managed to win the cup by defeating Balmain Kiora by 1-0. The Sydneysiders took their defeat in a very poor fashion. Immediately after the final whistle, they protested on 3 grounds, so the Cup was not presented.

The "Geordies" returned home to a civic reception as hundreds crowded the Weston Railway Station on the Sunday night. The town band was in attendance but general disappointment was manifest when skipper, Bill Lambert could not produce the famous Gardiner Cup.

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The protest was rejected by the State Authorities, but the presentation of the Cup was further delayed by an appeal by the Balmain Club. Later the State's Vice President took the Cup to Weston where he presented it to Lambert at a victory banquet. The occasion was made more satisfying as cables from London told the people of the Armistice, and the World was at peace once again.

Weston's Cup winning eleven was - Bob Austen, Bill Lambert, Jack Henry, Dick Austen, Harry Hollingshead, Jack Duxfield, Bill Beverly, Len Pugh, Jack Avis, Andy McNaughton, Jim Bellamy.

Records tell that this was the only occasion when a Coalfields Club had won the Gardiner Cup - perhaps the most famous of all Australian Soccer trophies.

A series of interdistrict between Sydney, Newcastle and the Coalfields revealed that the South Maitlanders were by far the strongest combination.

The results were:—

x Sydney 3 beat Newcastle 1 in Sydney
x Sydney 4 beat Newcastle 0 in Newcastle
x South Maitland 3 beat Sydney 0 in Sydney
x South Maitland 3 beat Newcastle in Weston
x South Maitland 0 drew Newcastle 0 at Newcastle

Many old timers assert that the South Maitland X1 which beat Newcastle at Weston in June, was the strongest ever. It comprised: Bob Austen, J. Thomson, W. Lambert, Dick Austen, G. Rennox, J. Duxfield, B. Brunskill, J. Avis, G. Hancock, J. Kennedy, Alf Hodges - the last winger from Whitburn, regarded as the fastest flanksman ever.

In a special despatch from behind the trenches in France, came the news that a 34th Battalion (Newcastle) beat an English Army Unit by 3-2. For recording purposes the team comprised: Sneddon (Cessnock), Lovett (Teralba), Taylor (Cessnock), White (Adamstown), Coppick (Merewether), Capt. Gaul (Cessnock), Jones (West Wallsend), Slavin (West Wallsend), Colouhon (Cessnock), Bates (Minmi).

1919 — AUSSIES COME HOME

The return of thousands of soldiers from the war zones gave all football codes a big fillup. Hundreds saw soccer overseas and saw its many virtues. Their interest in the game soon showed its mark on the Australian Soccer scene, especially in the Newcastle District.

There was a big upsurge in patronage. A big migration of miners from England, Scotland and Wales brought many players and spectators to the North.

However, early in 1919, the N.D.B.F.A. issued a comprehensive list of players who had fallen in battle. Over 500 names were printed in the Annual Report.

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